

A grainy, black and white photograph of a UFO in a cloudy sky. The UFO is a dark, oval-shaped object with a lighter, circular center, positioned in the upper half of the frame. The sky is filled with soft, textured clouds. In the lower portion of the image, the dark silhouettes of trees and a utility pole with wires are visible against the lighter sky.

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INTRODUCTION

Many people think the topic of UFOs and aliens is a complete nonsense. UFOs and aliens are just part of the hallucinations and illusions of many people, especially in developed countries. In accordance with the mission of the Center for the Study of UFO and extraterrestrial phenomena to carry out mitigation and rectification of information related to UFOs and aliens, we are trying to compile and publish a book about close encounters with aliens.

In this book you will find many well-known or famous events, others perhaps will see the light of day for the first time here, but all strange and puzzling. You will read about bizarre visitations, road-side encounters, abductions, contact, grays, reptilians, nordics, and others. Cases go back to the 1940's, all the way up to 1970's, all unique in their content and all important. I am sure you will rethinking yourself as much as I did putting the informations together.

This book is planned to be published in two languages, Indonesian and English and is expected to be able to explain cases of close encounters with UFOs and aliens and provoke interest for the wider community to study them.

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Cover : Photograph of a purported UFO in Passaic, New Jersey, taken on July 31, 1952

1947 Roswell UFO Incident

The Crash Near Roswell

Leased Wire
Associated Press

Roswell Daily Record

RECORD PHONES
Business Office 2288
News Department
2287

CL. AT. NUMBER 99 ESTABLISHED 1884
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1947
IN PER COPY

Movies as Usual

GRAND

THE CIVIC CARTOONS

Leaves broke and flood waters rolled into the town of Grand Tower, Ill., but while the manager of the movie theater sweeps out the water that has entered the lobby these youngsters are standing in line for tickets for the night's performance. (AP Wirephoto.)

Claims Army Is Stacking Courts Martial

Indiana Senator Lays Protest Before Patterson

Washington, July 8 (AP)—Sen. James H. Eastland, D-Miss., today said "the high command in the European theater is stacking the courts martial with military officers who are not being prosecuted for their part in the prosecution of their defense."

In a letter to Secretary of War Patterson demanding a full investigation of army military officers, Eastland said that the "heavy effort to bring to justice military officers who were concerned with the German Luftwaffe program was in evidence in the courts martial in the European theater."

The Indiana senator made public a copy of an internal "report" which he said was dated by Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commander of the 8th Army, and which was sent to the War Department by the military government in Germany.

Eastland said that the report was "a gross distortion of the facts" and that it was "a gross distortion of the facts" and that it was "a gross distortion of the facts."

RAAF Captures Flying Saucer On Ranch in Roswell Region

House Passes Tax Slash by Large Margin
Security Council Paves Way to Talks On Arms Reductions
No Details of Flying Disk Are Revealed
Ex-King Carol Weds Mme. Lupescu

House Passes Tax Slash by Large Margin
Washington, July 8 (AP)—The House passed today the Revenue Act of 1947, which slashes taxes by \$4,000,000,000 annually for the next five years.

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Some of Soviet Satellites May Attend Paris Meeting

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Roswellians Have Differing Opinions On Flying Saucers

Some say it is not something about how flying disks, it would appear from interviews today with a number of local citizens, with whom many ideas, concerning them as

Miners and Operators Sign Highest Wage Pact in History

Washington, July 8 (AP)—An agreement between a national-wide coal miners union and operators was signed today by John L. Lewis and a number of the bituminous coal operators.

The agreement, which was signed by John L. Lewis and a number of the bituminous coal operators, was the highest wage pact in the history of the industry.

American League Wins All-Star Game

Chicago, July 8 (AP)—The American League, peaking with an eight-hit attack and righting the ball with its pitchers, won the All-Star Game today.

An unidentified flying object crashed on a ranch northwest of Roswell, New Mexico, sometime during the first week of July 1947. Rancher W.W. "Mack" Brazel said later he found debris from the crash as he and the son of Floyd and Loretta Proctor rode their horses out to check on sheep after a fierce thunderstorm the night before. Brazel said that as they rode along, he began to notice unusual pieces of what seemed to be metal debris scattered over a large area. Upon further inspection, he said, he saw a shallow trench several hundred feet long had been gouged into the ground. Brazel said he was struck by the unusual properties of the debris and, after dragging large pieces of it to a shed, he took some of it over to show the Proctors.



Mrs. Proctor, who later moved from the ranch to a house closer to town, said sheremembers Brazel showing up with the strange material.

The Proctors told Brazel he might be holding wreckage from an alien spacecraft a number of UFO sightings had been reported in the United States that summer



or a government project, and that he should report the incident to Chaves County Sheriff George Wilcox. A day or two later, Brazel drove into Roswell, the county seat, and reported the incident to Wilcox, who reported it to Maj. Jesse Marcel, intelligence officer for the 509th Bomb Group, stationed at Roswell Army Air Field.

In their book, *A History of UFO Crashes*, UFO researchers Don Schmitt and Kevin Randle say their research shows military radar had been tracking an unidentified flying object in the skies over southern New Mexico for four days. On the night of July 4, 1947, radar indicated the object had gone down about 30-40 miles northwest of Roswell.

The book says eyewitness William Woody, who lived east of Roswell, said he remembered being outside with his father the night of July 4, 1947, when he saw a brilliant object plunge to the ground. The debris site was closed for several days while the wreckage was cleared, and Schmitt and Randle say that when Woody and his father tried to locate the area of the crash they had seen, Woody said they were stopped by military personnel who ordered them out of the area.

Debris



Schmitt and Randle say Marcel, after receiving the call from Wilcox and subsequent orders from Col. William Blanchard, 509th commanding officer, went to investigate Brazel's report. Marcel and Capt. Sheridan Cavitt, senior Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) agent, followed the rancher off-road to his place. They spent the night there and Marcel inspected a large piece of debris Brazel had dragged from the pasture.

Monday morning, July 7, Marcel took his first step onto the debris field. Marcel would remark later that "something ... must have exploded above the ground and fell." As Brazel, Cavitt and Marcel inspected the field, Marcel was able to "determine which direction it came from, and which direction it was heading. It was in the pattern ... you could tell where it started out and where it ended by how it was thinned out ..."

According to Marcel, the debris was "strewn over a wide area, I guess maybe three-quarters of a mile long and a few hundred feet wide." Scattered in the

debris were small bits of metal that Marcel held a cigarette lighter to to see if it would burn.

Along with the metal, Marcel described weightless "I"-beam-like structures that were three-eighths inch by one-quarter inch, none of them very long, that would neither bend nor break. Some of these "I"-beams had indecipherable characters along the length, in two colors. Marcel also described metal debris the thickness of tinfoil that was indestructible.

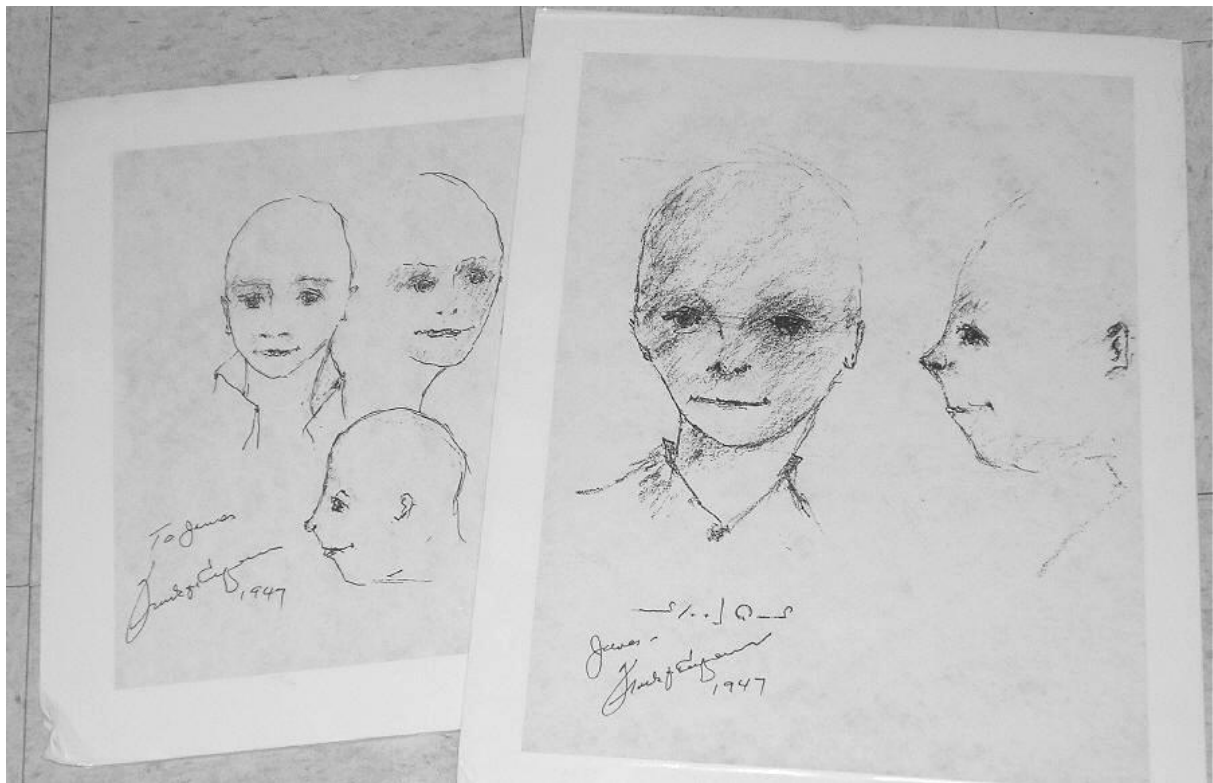
After gathering enough debris to fill his staff car, Marcel decided to stop by his home on the way back to the base so he could show his family the unusual debris. He'd never seen anything quite like it. "I didn't know what we were picking up," he said. "I still don't know what it was ... It could not have been part of an aircraft, not part of any kind of weather balloon or experimental balloon ... I've seen rockets ... sent up at the White Sands Testing Grounds. It definitely was not part of an aircraft or missile or rocket."

Under hypnosis conducted by Dr. John Watkins in May 1990, Jesse Marcel Jr. remembered being awakened by his father that night and following him outside to help carry in a large box filled with debris. Once inside, they emptied the contents of the debris onto the kitchen floor. Jesse Jr. described the lead foil and "I"-beams. Under hypnosis, he recalled the writing on the "I"-beams as "Purple. Strange. Never saw anything like it ... different geometric shapes, leaves and circles."

Under questioning, he said the symbols were shiny purple and they were small. There were many separate figures. This too, under hypnosis: [Marcel Sr. was saying it was a flying saucer] "I ask him what a flying saucer is. I don't know what a flying saucer is ... It's a ship. [Dad's] excited!"

Marcel reported what he found to Blanchard, showing him pieces of the wreckage, none of which looked like anything Blanchard had ever seen.

Bodies



Meanwhile, Glenn Dennis, a young mortician working at Ballard Funeral Home, received some curious calls one afternoon from the RAAF morgue. The base's mortuary officer was trying to get hold of some small, hermetically sealed coffins and also wanted to know how to preserve bodies that had been exposed to the elements for a few days and avoid contaminating the tissue. Dennis later said that evening he drove to the base hospital, where he saw large pieces of wreckage with strange engravings on one of the pieces sticking out of the back of a military ambulance. He entered the hospital and was visiting with a nurse he knew when suddenly he was threatened by military police and forced to leave. The next day, Dennis met with the nurse, who told him about bodies discovered with the wreckage and drew pictures of them on a prescription pad. Within a few days she was transferred to England; her whereabouts remain unknown.



Roswell Army Air Field Press Release

At 11 a.m., July 8, 1947, Lt. Walter Haut, RAAF public information officer, finished a press release Blanchard had ordered him to write, stating that the wreckage of a crashed disk had been recovered. He gave copies to the two radio stations and both of the local newspapers. By 2:26 p.m., the story was on The Associated Press wire: "The Army Air Forces here today announced a flying disk had been found."

As calls began to pour into the base from all over the world, Lt. Robert Shirkey watched as MPs carried loaded wreckage onto a C-54 from the First Transport Unit. To get a better look, Shirkey stepped around Col. Blanchard, who was irritated with all of the calls coming into the base. Blanchard decided to travel out to the debris field and left instructions that he'd gone on leave.

Headquarters Gets Involved

Blanchard had sent Marcel to Fort Worth Army Air Field (later Carswell Air Force Base) to report to Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, commanding officer of the 8th Air Force. Marcel told Haut years later that he'd taken some of the debris into Ramey's office to show him what had been found. The material was displayed on Ramey's desk for the general when he returned.

Upon his return, Ramey wanted to see the exact location of the debris field, so he and Marcel went to the map room down the hall — but when they returned, the wreckage that had been placed on the desk was gone and a weather balloon was

spread out on the floor. Maj. Charles A. Cashon took the now-famous photo of Marcel with the weather balloon in Ramey's office.



It was then reported that Ramey recognized the remains as part of a weather balloon. Brig. Gen. Thomas DuBose, the chief of staff of the 8th Air Force, said, “[It] was a cover story. The whole balloon part of it. That was the part of the story we were told to give to the public and news and that was it.”

Later that afternoon, Haut’s original press release was rescinded and an officer from the base retrieved all of the copies from the radio stations and newspaper offices. The next day, July 9, a second press release was issued stating that the 509th Bomb Group had mistakenly identified a weather balloon as wreckage of a flying saucer.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY BUTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 22, 1950

Gliding Discs or Gliding Saucers
The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

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An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

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According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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Alien Contactee or Fraud? Howard Menger the UFO man

During the 1950s Menger was a celebrity in the UFO world with his stories of alien contact. Menger claimed his first UFO experience happened when he was 10 years old in the woods of New Jersey, when he met a woman with golden hair dressed in radiant white garb who was atop a rock. The woman told young Menger some profound things. Many people think Menger met an angel not an alien.



Howard Menger

At age 19 Menger enlisted or volunteered for military service after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He saw combat in the tank corp and was wounded, at times he would proudly wear his purple heart medal on one of his suits.

Later on in life after Menger came forward about his UFO contact, or alien contact, people would ask him if he was afraid of what might happen when he met up with an alien or its craft. Menger would reply along the lines, I was at Iwojima, (Bloody World War II battle) what is more frightening than that?

Menger in the late 1940s and into the 1950s met with aliens in the country side of New Jersey. He came forward with his tales and wrote articles and a couple of books. During this time, he spoke at different UFO conventions or meetings.

Menger had witnesses to some of these UFO sightings. One film that he shot of a UFO landing and 3 beings exiting, 2 males and 1 female was according to Menger confiscated by the FBI. The film was never returned to him. Menger concluded the film was taken for political, religious and economical reasons. A reporter, (Constance) Connie Viola Weber or sometimes mentioned as Connie Mishel or Connie Mich'l interviewed Menger and there was an immediate attraction between the two. Menger who was married and had two kids, had an affair with Connie. Menger divorced his wife, and in 1959 married Connie and there union lasted 50 years. This 2nd marriage produced 2 kids.

Menger who believed in reincarnation at one time in his life, thought that perhaps Connie was the sister of the female alien he had seen when he was 10 year old in the New Jersey wilds. How this happened, who knows, reincarnation? In later years Menger backed off the idea of reincarnation. However, Connie's looks did rather match the alien being young Menger saw atop a rock in 1932. In any case, from all accounts Menger and Connie did have a very happy marriage.

Menger's accounts of how he had been visited by aliens made the national news. Menger was on such national tv shows as Jack Parr Show, Steve Allen Show and the Long John Nebel radio show. Menger also spoke at large and small UFO conventions. However when Menger was on local or national TV in the late 1950s and early 1960s he tended to be ridiculed by the host. Menger's way of telling what happened to him and his slow personality made him a laughing stock. It seemed Menger did not catch on that the questions asked of him were made to make him look comical.

Menger who was a sign painter, lost a lot of his cliental due to what he was saying. People did not want to hire this man due to his wild stories. Eventually Menger lost his house and was ridiculed by many people. Simply put Menger's personality, as in how he communicated, was at times humorous. He was not trying to be funny, but his mannerism were seen by many as comical.



Outer-space enthusiasts at Yucca Valley, Calif., rally. Saucerite George Van Tassel (scanning sky, foto right), with author Howard Menger.

Off and on during the 1960s Menger backed away or denounced his tales, he would mutter something about a CIA plot. Later on Menger claimed that he had worked for a Black Ops government operation in Colorado during the 1960s, with other men, building a space craft. It seems, this secret government project wanted Menger's ideas and knowledge from his encounters with the aliens, concerning the ET.'s space craft's engineering and propulsion.

Menger claimed that in 1951 he had built 4 foot radio controlled aircraft that looked like a flying saucer. He flew the craft in New Jersey, but one day at 500 feet, the craft did not respond to his hand held radio box controls and flew off. Weeks later, FBI men came to Menger's work place and started asking him questions. The craft had crashed a few hundred miles to the west near the Pennsylvania-Ohio border. The craft was broken apart, it is not clear if it hit a tree or what? The FBI agents were able to track the equipment by serial numbers back to Menger, by where he had bought the electronics in New Jersey on Route 22 at electronic shops, for the craft.

According to Menger the Federal agents asked him to not talk about the work he was doing. Years later he was employed in Colorado by a Federal top secret group that engineered a flying saucer like craft. Menger had ideas about what gravity was and how the aliens star ships worked.

Another interesting aspect of Menger's life, is that in 1956 he took with him a polaroid camera, to one of his alien meetings. He took photographs of the alien and spaceship. Menger was taken aboard the ship and was taken for a ride to the moon. Menger took photos of the moon through the craft's window.

Menger thought this trip took 10 days, but later on, going by his whisker stubble, he estimated he was with the aliens for perhaps 10 hours. Later on Menger thought, maybe the aliens had some type of time machine and they just stayed in place while visiting other places. Menger's photos were examined and labeled fakes or too dark to make judgment on. But Menger was smart enough to try to capture some of the things that he was experiencing.



photo- is supposedly an alien next to Howard Menger and wife. The photo and story are controversial. The alien was not a star-like creature - but there was a flash of light and this is what came out. Again, different stories have Menger refuting or claiming this photo?

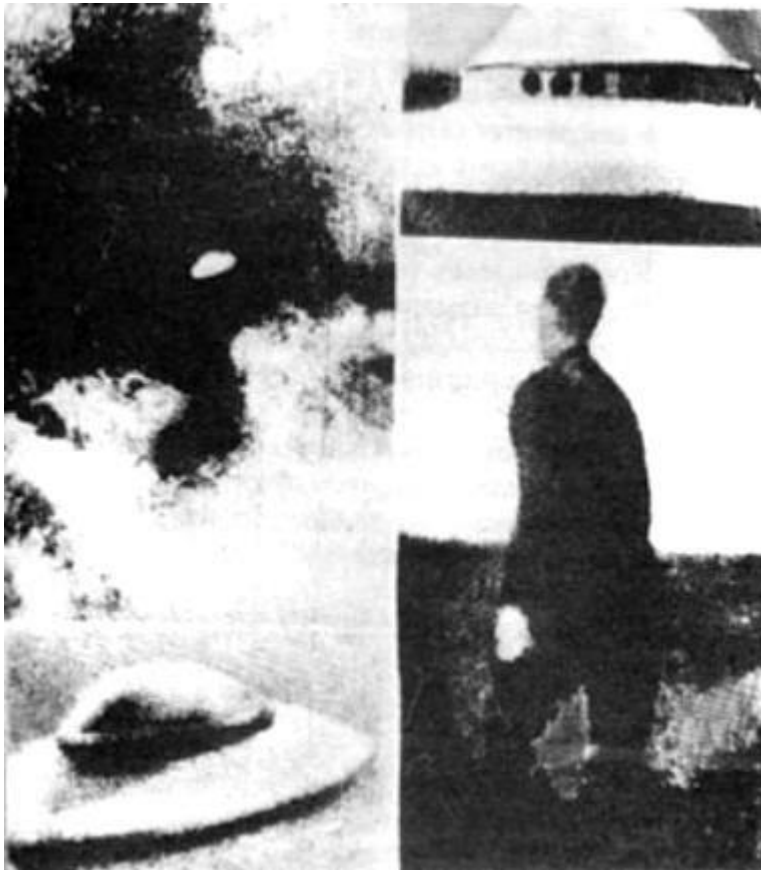
Critics claimed Menger was delusional or a swindler who was out to dupe the gullible. If Menger was a con man, then he did not make any great fortune off of his tales. When it came to the media, Menger's stories and how he told them, made for smirks and negativity. But one has to see or listen to Menger, because the guy did have a very sincere side to him.

Menger may have been a simple man but he was very smart when it came to building things, his wife Connie was exceptionally smart and could communicate very well. One has to watch some of the few films that are out there, of Menger and his wife Connie talking. Right away the viewer will see that Connie is highly intelligent and Menger who has an odd personality is not a stupid man. Click on video icon below- for more of Howard Menger -- you decide, was he tricked by some secret agency-MKULTRA, was he disturbed mentally-delusional, was he telling the truth or a hundred % of the truth.

Another Menger video. Menger claimed that when he left the spaceship, he could play music by ear. Menger had never been trained as a musician, something happened to him in the starcraft. Menger bought a piano and started playing

music that came into his mind, he thought the music came from Saturn. Here is a 1957 lp recording of Menger's music, it is very good. The kind of music one would listen to while eating a great meal, solo. However there are scratches in the music, but it is surprisingly very good. Menger was full of surprises, something happened to him, be it abduction, MKULTRA or psychosis. If he was a contactee, I think a lot of his recollections are wrong or were purposely altered by MKULTRA or ?

From the 1970s onward Howard Menger again embraced his tales. Menger claimed that after he came forward with his yarns he had all kinds of problems with Mafia like men, strange people and perhaps (The Men In Black). Consequently, Menger was forced to arm himself with a 45 semi auto pistol. Nay sayers thought Menger who was a sign maker and painter plus had a small machine shop, had made UFO-Alien models and photographed them. The photos he took of alien craft were large models he had built.



It is a fact that Menger was a creative guy, he had a eye for detail and beauty, plus he was a model builder. It maybe of note that Menger's wife Connie, by way of Menger's recollections, thought that Connie perhaps was the reincarnated the human form of the sister of

the alien that Menger saw as a 10 year old. At one time Menger gave thought to the idea that he was a reincarnated being from Saturn. As the years went by both Connie and Menger stepped away from that aspect of reincarnation.

As for his character, Menger was a very nice pleasant man. yet during World WarII in the Pacific theatre, Menger manned a (sherman?) tank that was a flame thrower vehicle. This is very brutal killing, incinerating die hard Japanese soldiers in their strongpoints. Did this combat make Menger a nice guy? As in, he lived the rest of his life being filled with goodwill. My take on Menger is that even as a kid he was good guy.

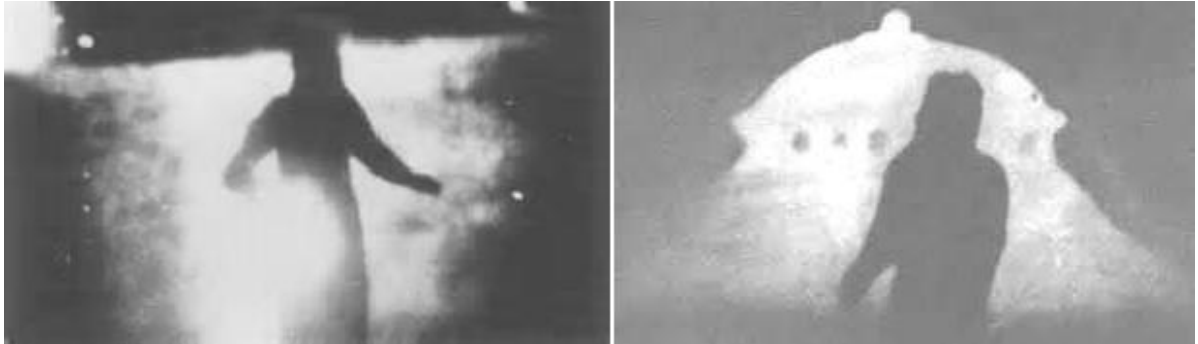
However as an adult Menger at times came across as comical because he gave off the impression of being so naive. Below are some of Menger's books. During the 1950s and into the early 1960s Menger did contribute to many articles and was quoted in the newspapers. But Menger's descriptions of things made him look foolish. For example, he mentioned large moon rocks looking like potatoes, the media labeled Menger's description as "moon potatoes" or "space potatoes".

Both husband and wife, Howard and Connie Menger were unique, in that they had an incredible nonthreatening energy about them. Howard and Connie Menger were warm, friendly, caring people to the X-power. Conspiratorialists--think that Howard Menger was duped by Black-Ops, due to the fact that he did see something unworldly. A few people think Menger saw an angel in 1932 as a boy, while others think it was an alien. Because of his first or first few sightings, Menger according to the Weird Beards, became confused by planted false evidence and mind control by way of the Black-Ops boys. The theory being that Black Ops found out about Menger's knowledge and UFO encounter, and from that point onward, Menger was fooled.

Consequently, Menger looked like a fool when it came to trying to explain what happened, or when he showed bogus evidence that he thought was legit. The skeptics think Menger made up Alien stories in order to make profits from the UFO craze that swept throughout 1950s USA. Consequently Menger manufactured false facts to dupe the public. Unlike UFO contactee George Adamski, Menger has not been vilified by skeptics or the Weird Beards.

This pillaring that Menger avoided as compared to Adams, maybe lies in the fact that Menger was not as big in the UFO world as Adamski was. Or, Howard Menger avoided the heavy negative backlash that befell Adamski, because

Menger and his wife-Connie gave off a non-fake vibe of goodwill and kindness that was enthralling. In other words Menger and connie were too nice to be vulgar to.



photos were taken by Howard Menger in New Jersey in 1956, of a spaceship and a man from outer space. Menger's stories of UFO contact were similar to Adamski's.

Howard Menger died in Vero Beach, Florida with his loved around him on February 25, 2009 at 11:11 PM, is there any significance to that date or time?

Alien Encounter at Varese, Italy

On the 24th day of April 1950, 42 year old factory worker Bruno Facchini was working the late shift, and stepped outside to get some fresh air on his break. His home city of Varese in Italy had just had a severe thunderstorm.



Bruno Facchini showing his jacket and shoes he wore on the night of the encounter.
Source: Italian newspaper Domenica del Corriere.

The last distant streaks of lightning were still visible as Bruno decided to see if the electrical system had popped a circuit breaker. He was taken completely aback at what he saw not far from the factory doors. Investigating a bright glowing light which he thought was part of a factory transformer problem, he was shocked to see a circular shaped, glowing object with a ladder descended from its bottom.

At the top of the UFO was a greenish glow which partially obscured a light-skinned being. The unusual being appeared to be welding something on the craft. Bruno's first impression of the craft was that it was a type of experimental craft from a nearby air base.

His impression was quickly altered by the sight of several other small alien creatures which emerged from the craft. In a moment or two, the ladder began to be drawn up into the mysterious craft, and the beings began to reenter the craft through an invisible door of some kind.

The full realization of what he was witnessing sent Bruno into a full run away from the frightening encounter. As he fled, he heard a sound like that of a large beehive. One of the remaining creatures pointed a type of weapon at the scared worker, and a beam of force knocked him to the ground. Although in pain, he was able to watch the last activities of the strange aliens as they prepared the craft to take off. The beehive like sound increased as the object made its way into the skies and vanished from view.

The next day, Bruno made a full report of his encounter to the police force. There were signs still visible of the activities of the night before. Police found burned patches on the ground, and indentation marks of an extremely heavy object. Also found were some odd, green pieces of a metal-like substance. Bruno recounted the welding operation, and suggested that the green pieces of debris were refuse of the process.

The fragments were analyzed. The results of this test concluded that the fragments were an "anti-friction" material, containing several types of metal along with a lubricant. In September 1953, UFO investigators had their own tests conducted on the green substance. A scientific institute specializing in metallurgy assessed that the fragments were 74% copper, 19% tin, and other trace elements. The substance, under heavy magnification was a yellow-white color, but did not contain any metals which could not be found on Earth.

These conclusions did not entirely rule out the possibility of an extraterrestrial connection in the case of Bruno Facchini. There is no way to conclude that the metal composition could not be made on another planet. Facchini's account was taken very seriously by all who knew him. He was a respectable man, well liked, and considered to be reliable and trustworthy. He gained nothing from his tale of the strange object and occupants he described on the night of April 24, 1950.

source: Eye witness statements, UFO Italy.

Abbate Guazzone, Italy, April 24, 1950:

Jacques Vallée's "Magonia database," a listing of UFO landings, has the following entry:

Apr. 24, 1950 – 2200 Abbate Guazzone (Italy). Bruno Facchini heard and saw sparks coming from a dark, hovering object, near which a man dressed in tight-fitting clothes and wearing a helmet seemed to be making repairs. Three other men were seen near the craft. When the work was finished, a trap through which light had been shining was closed and the thing took off. The witness had the time to note many details of the machine and its occupants. (FSR 63, 2; Magonia) The province of Varese already had its share of UFO sightings, yet this case is in fact one of the most well-known "early" close encounters of the third kind in Italy. Here is the full and correct story:

Bruno Facchini, 40, is a mechanic, married, father of a young boy, lives in a colonial house in Abbate Guazzone, Varese, Italy, a few miles from the motorway to Milan. On 24th April 1950, at 10:00 pm, the rain had just stopped after a violent thunderstorm, and he went outside his home to go to the toilet seat in a shack, and when he was about to return home after smoking a cigarette, he saw several strange flashing lights which at the time he thought were being generated by the storm, in a field adjacent to his home. He decided to investigate anyway, because the lights were in the direction of a power line pole. The high voltage power line goes right over the village, and another of its poles is right in front of his home. He thought that a power cable may have fallen to the ground, which may explain the flashes, and he became afraid that his kid might get hurt if he grabbed it when playing outside the next day. He took a pathway that delimited the ground of a furnace and walked toward the place where he saw the flashing light, but saw nothing anymore. As he was about to go back to his home, he saw the lights again, and went in their direction again.

He told Antonio Giudicci:

"It was still a little farther. I decided to go there. Then I saw there a huge dark shape, like a ball, with a flattened top." He saw that the dark object some 200 yards away, next to the power line pole. He estimated it to be 10 meters large and 7 meters high.

He told Antonio Giudicci:

“In the middle [of the shape] there was a small ladder, lightened by a green light. Almost immediately, I understood that the light came from some sort of lamp handled by a standing man who seemed to be engaged in welding. He wore something like a diving suit and a mask.”

Later he summarized for the press:

“Next to a power line pole and to a [gelso, ?] I saw a huge, round shape. From the illuminated disc, a ladder came down. A door opened. I could see inside the UFO, because a light diffused inside, there was another ladder leading to a higher level of the craft; on the walls, there were bottles connected together in rows and between them I could notice that there were gauges and tubes.”

He told Antonio Giudicci:

“Driven by curiosity, at went closer, and I saw two other people, with the same clothing, moving slowly around the craft – I guessed that their diving suit was heavy and slowed down their movements. The craft, lighted by the welding tool, cast metallic reflections back.”

The sparks Facchini had seen were pouring out of pipes; which one of the figure was working on with some type of device. The inside of the craft could be partially seen through an open vent. Inside were lots of dials and cylinders. The air around the craft was unusually warm and a buzzing sound like a giant beehive was heard constantly. All the figures were similarly dressed in grayish one-piece tight fitting clothes and were wearing helmets but their faces were concealed behind masks from the front of which emerged one flexible pipe which reminded him of a breathing tube. Facchini later said he found them to be of the same size than human beings, about 1 meter 70.

At that time he thought that an aircraft in trouble because of the storm had landed and that the people were trying to do some repair, or maybe be some American pilots, repairing some new aircraft that failed and he did not know of. After watching for a while, he approached within four to five meters of the craft and offered his help: He then started to realize they might not be American pilots, as the beings started to converse with each other and call him in “a guttural language,” and also because they moved with difficulties and made “strange gestures” at him, which

he felt may be an offer to come aboard. The invitation and the realization that they were not human threw him in a state of panic.

He told Antonio Giudicci:

“I offered to help, but the only answer I received were some guttural sounds that were not understandable. I wondered what their intentions were. I had the feeling they were inviting me aboard. Suddenly I heard an uproar, like the amplified buzz of a bee, or a huge power generator. I saw another ladder in the interior of the craft, and all around, tubes, cylinders, and gauges. I understood that this was not a plane, and I was seized by panic, I started to run away.”

“I was not so close anymore when I turned my head back. I saw one of the men raise some sort of apparatus he carried at his side and beam a ray of light in my direction. I started to run again, but immediately, I felt as if I was cut in two parts by some cutting tool or by a jet of compressed air and I fell flat.”

Later he told to the press:

“After a while I saw four beings around the disc. Two were beside the ladder. A third one seemed to attempt to weld together a group of tubes. Exactly this operation produced the strange flashing that had attracted my attention. Thinking that this was some test of a secret prototype, I approached them asking if they had need for help. The beings started to make strange gestures and emitted guttural sounds, something like “gurr... gurr...” At that moment the craft was started and it was only then that I understood that they were not human beings. Seized by panic, I started to run away. While I ran, I had a glimpse at them and I saw that one of those individuals was directing something at me.”

He felt pushed to the ground for several yards and knocked down. Later he said it was like feeling a strong discharge and a burning sensation on the skin of his abdomen. He stayed on the ground but looked what was going on.

Shortly afterwards, when the repairs has apparently been completed, the “American pilots” then returned to their craft, a trap through which light had been shining was closed and the craft took off sideways, making a heavy buzzing sound.

He told Antonio Giudicci:

“They seemed not to be interested in my anymore. I am convinced they only wanted to scare me and had no intention to do anything wrong to me.” “They were busy in removing the scaffold and withdrawing the ladder. Then the door

closed. All the lights went out. And the buzzing sound continued. Suddenly the sound became louder. The craft took off, gained speed and disappeared.”

Later he told to the press:

“I was hit at the back by a light beam, and it had such a force that I felt pushed. I lost my equilibrium and I hit the ground, knocking my head against a stone. Hurt, scared and [intontito. ?], I stayed on the ground without moving. In the meantime those beings were finishing their welding job. Then they all entered in the disc, it closed and went away.”

He stayed on the ground for a while, looking at the sky. Everything was silent again. Finally he went back home, and unsurprisingly he could not sleep very well that night. The following day Facchini returned to the site, because he had lost his cigarette box there when he fell. He noticed that there were some traces and four circular depressions of one-meter diameter each, arranged in a square pattern of 6 meters side length. The grass around it is burnt and lots of pieces of melted metal are on the ground.



Bruno Facchini showing one of the fragments he picked up on the site on the next day.

Source: Italian newspaper “Domenica del Corriere.”

“The next morning, after a sleepless night, I went back to the location and I found four wide circular traces, a meter wide each. The grass in it was burnt. on various places on the ground, there were pieces of metal.”

Facchini then went to the police headquarters of Varese and an investigation was carried out by unmotivated policemen there and also allegedly by military technicians (the presence of military technician may well be an exaggeration of the Press.) The police went on location and saw the ground traces, and Facchini or the police handled the debris who were sent to the research institute for the studies of metals in Novara. The institute examined the samples and merely said they were heat-resistant, antifriction metal, which were commented as “would be ideal in space flight to face the burn-up as the craft entered the Earth’s atmosphere,” although it is not clear who made that comment.

Several days after the encounter, Facchini estimated he was hurt enough to justify a visit to an MD. The MD found that Facchini had a blackened mark where the beam hit him, and this mark grew until it covered his entire back, causing him pains for a whole month. Because he was thrown to the ground when hit by the beam, he also had several normal wounds.

The next year, some of the debris are examined again by Renato Vesco, from Genova, one of the very first Italian private UFO investigator, and Vesco concluded the samples are essentially bronze with an elevated percentage of pond and some traces of lead. Facchini said he never really recovered psychologically. Many ufologists visited him time and time again, to check if he really told the story they read in ufological publications, and he always did, with no changes in the account.

In 1981, Italian ufologist Ezio Bernardini met him, and re-interviewed him. Nothing in the story had changed. Facchini told him that when he saw the moonlandings on TV, he was stunned that the astronauts’ suits reminded him to the suits of his visitors. He described their clothing as “diving suits” in 1950, but now he understood that they were “space suits” or earth-landing suits if you will. A Navy officer reported a conversation with Facchini:

“You are really a luck one! I would have given a lot to be able to admire shat you saw, this technological marvel!”

Facchini’s answer was bitter.

“Lucky, Me? If I had known how much trouble I would get from this experience, I would not have said one word about it, guaranteed!”

AN ARTICLE BY VARESE NEWS, ITALY:

The following recent article by Varese News:

The most important ufology case in the Varese area happened on April 24, 1950 at Abbiate Guazzone, neighborhood Tradate. Bruno Facchini, mechanical worker, aged 40, married, father of two sons, claimed to have had an encounter with humanoid beings, attempting the repair of a flying disc. The case quickly became famous, in our region as well as in the whole of Italy. In the September 1973 issue of “Giornale dei Misteri” (“Mysteries Journal”), Sergio Conti, a ufology fan, cleared some aspects of this event, criticizing the exaggerations due to the clamor of the press of that time. Conti met Facchini at his home, in Bainsizza street, Abbiate Guazzone. The man had moved to this new home, but at the time he lived in front of the shack where the event occurred. Here the reconstruction that could be done. That April 24, 1950, there was a violent storm in the area. At about 10:00 P.M. Facchini opened the door of his colonial house in order to go to the toilets located outside of the house in a shack. It was a rural area then, slightly distant from the center of the small village. There was a violent flash. He thought that the thunderstorm had damaged the power lines. He approached cautiously the light source, thinking that a possible fallen power cable may be a danger for his still young sons. He advanced in a path that limited the grounds of a nearby furnace. After some meter he saw a figure, bent on a platform, who held some sort of tool in the hand. With this, he seemed to be repairing a small disc-shaped craft. Close to this figure he saw other figures moving, wearing heavy coveralls. He approached them, asking him if they needed help. The figure doing the repair seemed to be dressed like a diver; from the top of a helmet to the mouth, he had a thirty centimeters tube. The beings emitted guttural sounds and seemed to make gestures inviting him to come ahead. Facchini, frightened, did this, but he hardly had the time to see the “humanoid” point some sort of camera at him, from which light beam was emitted that hit Facchini on the back, and made him fall to the ground. He struck his head against a stone on the ground. It bled, but he remained conscious. He was sufficiently conscious to see a ladder that retired in the disc, and to see the disc take off towards the sky with a buzzing sound. The case created a huge fuss. Facchini became famous but this brought him a lot of troubles in return. In a country where peasant and workers are used to talk as much as they breathe, to claim that he saw humanoids could not bring him great fortune. All in all the mechanic became “the disc guy” and after some year, to calm down the passion around the story and him, he stopped speaking about it. Bruno Facchini died eighteen years ago. And his sons by now have

nearly forgotten. The wife of one of his sons explained: “No, my husband’s not here, he is at work. Yes, I remember that story, but it is damn old.”

The story of Facchini sums up a lot to the ideas of the directors of the first American science fiction movies. But if we want to give credit to the mystery, these aspects can help us: Facchini recovered metal pieces on the ground at the location of the encounter. He handed them all at the Istituto di Ricerche per lo Studio dei Metalli (The research institute for the studies of metals) in Novara, but he never received the full response on the nature of the material. He was only told that it was some antifriction material.

Discussion:

Many aspects of the testimony were silenced, changed, distorted and exaggerated. In the above presentation, I have gathered the own words of Facchini and the details that were given back in 1950, or later by himself, and put aside the additions, changes, exaggerations that I could find out simply because they were introduced in several very short summaries much later. Here are some of these alterations.

One account found on the Internet says that Facchini left his house “to take the air,” another one said “to smoke a cigarette,” while he primarily left his house for the more prosaic reason that the toilets were not inside the house but in a small wooden shack outside the house and he had to use them. This is very common in country houses of that time in the whole Europe, and it may have created opportunities for strange encounters in the night that do not exist anymore nowadays.

The same summary altered his motivation to investigate. He was not “moved by curiosity,” he thought that the light may be due to a fallen power cable and thought of the dangers it creates for his young kids. The “tight fitting clothes” sometimes mentioned in recent summaries of the case are not an accurate description; actually, the error comes from translation difficulties there is a difference between a heavy diving suit designed to walk at the bottom of a sea or lake, and the tight fitting diving suit designed to swim underwater.” The heavy diving suit can of course functionally qualify as a diving suit, but the vocabulary lapse has created the mental image of a rubber diving suit designed to swim, then, it was assumed that the suit was not actually a diving suit, but that diving suits refers to some tight fitting suit. Essential information is lost. Facchini clearly said that the suit was heavy in his opinion, because the moves of the figures were slow. This excludes the tight fitting suit, as it would not have allowed Facchini to explain slow moves as effect of wearing heavy suits. The other interesting feature is that Facchini saw similar suits when he watched the Apollo

astronauts on the moon much later, on TV. The only aspect that had to be modified is the purpose of the heavy suits: not to walk on sea floors, but to be used in space or foreign atmosphere. Facchini's thinking is logical here, whereas late summaries of the case have altered an important feature of the case.

Probably the most annoying alteration is that many late summaries present that Facchini saw humans, or "figures of human aspects." Actually, he clearly said that he first thought they might be human pilots, American, repairing some sort of craft unknown to him, but quickly understood that this was not the case. This is of great importance, debunkers use such distortions a lot. Many UFO sightings reports start by "I first thought it may be a plane" or "What I first thought to be a balloon," but continue with the reasons why the witness rejected the first idea he had. In a similar manner, the fact that Facchini first thought that the figures may be pilots repairing their craft does not allow to infer that he actually saw human pilots repairing an aircraft. The same applies to the diving suits and tubes, it should not be taken literally just because the witness compared the clothing of the beings with divers clothing, and it does not authorize to infer that they were divers. Of course, in such an extreme situation, admitting for the purpose of the discussion that the report is true, anyone would be so puzzled that the realization of what is occurring is absolutely not a simple process, fear, bewilderment, the impossibility to interpret the figures and the craft in comparison with already experienced events must play a key role in the time it needs to interpret the events and in the interpretation itself. If the figures were pilots and if the craft was a conventional craft, Facchini would have first be frightened (it is 22:00 and probably a little dark or very dark, there is a thunderstorm) and then, by approaching, he would have realized more and more that there is nothing to be frightened after all. Instead, his fright grows when he gets closer and sees more and better, and he is thrown into a panic when he hears the voices of the being and the loud buzzing sound of the craft.

His first idea that they may be American sounds as no surprise, since at the end of the war, the US Air Force was present in that area and used some hangars of the Marchetti aviation plant in that area. Moreover, the Milan airport and the Air Force bases of Vergiate and Venegono are only a few miles away. Here we have one of many early stories of a landing of a craft and occupants not from our planet. As time went by, it was distorted. The fragments may have been a proof, but who can tell, now? Probably, in another 50 years, the case will be reduced and altered even more and will allow many to utter explanations and interpretations of all sorts, included that the old story "has no basis" or is "a newspaper invention."

George Adamski Encounter

George Adamski (17 April 1891 – 23 April 1965) was a Polish American citizen who became widely known in ufology circles, and to some degree in popular culture, after he claimed to have photographed spaceships from other planets, met with friendly Nordic alien Space Brothers, and to have taken flights with them to the Moon and other planets. He was the first, and most famous, of the so-called contactees of the 1950s. Adamski called himself a "philosopher, teacher, student and saucer researcher", although most investigators concluded his claims were an elaborate hoax, and that Adamski himself was a con artist.

Adamski authored three books describing his meetings with Nordic aliens and his travels with them aboard their spaceships: *Flying Saucers Have Landed* (co-written with Desmond Leslie) in 1953, *Inside the Space Ships* in 1955, and *Flying Saucers Farewell* in 1961. The first two books were both bestsellers; by 1960 they had sold a combined 200,000 copies.



George Adamski, standing by a painting of one of his "contacts" from Venus

Early years

Adamski was born in Bromberg in the German Empire. He was one of five siblings born to ethnic Polish parents, Jozef Adamski (1867-1937) and Franciszka Adamski (1862-1946). When he was two years old, his family emigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. From 1913-16, beginning at the age of 22, he was a soldier in the 13th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (K Troop) fighting at the Mexican border during the Pancho Villa Expedition.

In 1917 he married Mary Shimbersky. She died in 1954; they had no children. Following his marriage Adamski moved west, doing maintenance work in Yellowstone National Park and working in an Oregon flour mill and a California concrete factory. By 1930 "Adamski was a minor figure on the California occult scene", teaching his personal mixture of Christianity and Eastern religions, which he called "Universal Progressive Christianity" and "Universal Law".

In the early 1930s, while living in Laguna Beach, Adamski founded the "Royal Order of Tibet", which held its meetings in the "Temple of Scientific Philosophy". Adamski served as a "philosopher" and teacher at the temple. The "Royal Order of Tibet" was given a government license to make wine for "religious purposes" during Prohibition; Adamski was quoted as saying "I made enough wine for all of Southern California ... I was making a fortune!" However, the end of Prohibition also marked the decline of his profitable wine-making business, and Adamski later told two friends that's when he "had to get into this [flying] saucer crap."

In 1940 Adamski, his wife, and some close friends moved to a ranch near California's Palomar Mountain, where they dedicated their time to studying religion, philosophy, and farming. In 1944, with funding from Alice K. Wells, a student of Adamski, they purchased 20 acres (8.1 ha) of land at the base of Palomar Mountain, where they built a new home, a campground called Palomar Gardens, and a small restaurant called Palomar Gardens Cafe. At the campground and restaurant, Adamski "often gave lectures on Eastern philosophy and religion, sometimes late into the night" to students, admirers, and tourists. He also built a wooden observatory at the campground to house his six-inch telescope, and visitors and tourists to Palomar Mountain often received the inaccurate impression that Adamski was an astronomer connected to the famed Palomar Observatory at the top of the mountain. Adamski would correct this false impression "only when pressed to do so." Although he was frequently called "Professor" Adamski by his admirers and followers, he held no graduate or undergraduate degree from any accredited college or university, and in fact had only a grade school education.

Ufology

On 9 October 1946, during a meteor shower, Adamski and some friends claimed that while they were at the Palomar Gardens campground, they witnessed a large cigar-shaped "mother ship." In early 1947, Adamski took a photograph of what he claimed was the 1946 cigar-shaped "mother ship" crossing in front of the moon over Palomar Gardens. In the summer of 1947, following the first widely publicized UFO sightings in the USA, Adamski claimed he had seen 184 UFOs pass over Palomar Gardens one evening.

In 1949 Adamski began giving his first UFO lectures to civic groups and other organizations in Southern California; he requested, and received, fees for the lectures. In these lectures he made "fantastic" claims, such as "that government and science had established the existence of UFOs two years earlier, via radar tracking of 700-foot-long spacecraft on the other side of the Moon." In his lectures Adamski further claimed that "science now knows that all planets [in Earth's solar system] are inhabited" and "photos of Mars taken from the Mount Palomar observatory have proven the canals on Mars are man-made, built by an intelligence far greater than any man's on earth."

However, as one UFO historian has noted, "even in the early 1950s [Adamski's] assertions about surface conditions on, and the habitability of, Venus, Mars, and the other planets of the solar system flew in the face of massive scientific evidence..." "mainstream" ufologists were almost uniformly hostile to Adamski, holding not only that his and similar contact stories were fraudulent, but that the contactees were making serious UFO investigators look ridiculous." On 29 May 1950, Adamski took a photograph of what he alleged to be six unidentified objects in the sky, which appeared to be flying in formation. This same UFO photograph was depicted in an August 1978 commemorative stamp issued by the island nation of Grenada in order to mark the "Year of UFOs."

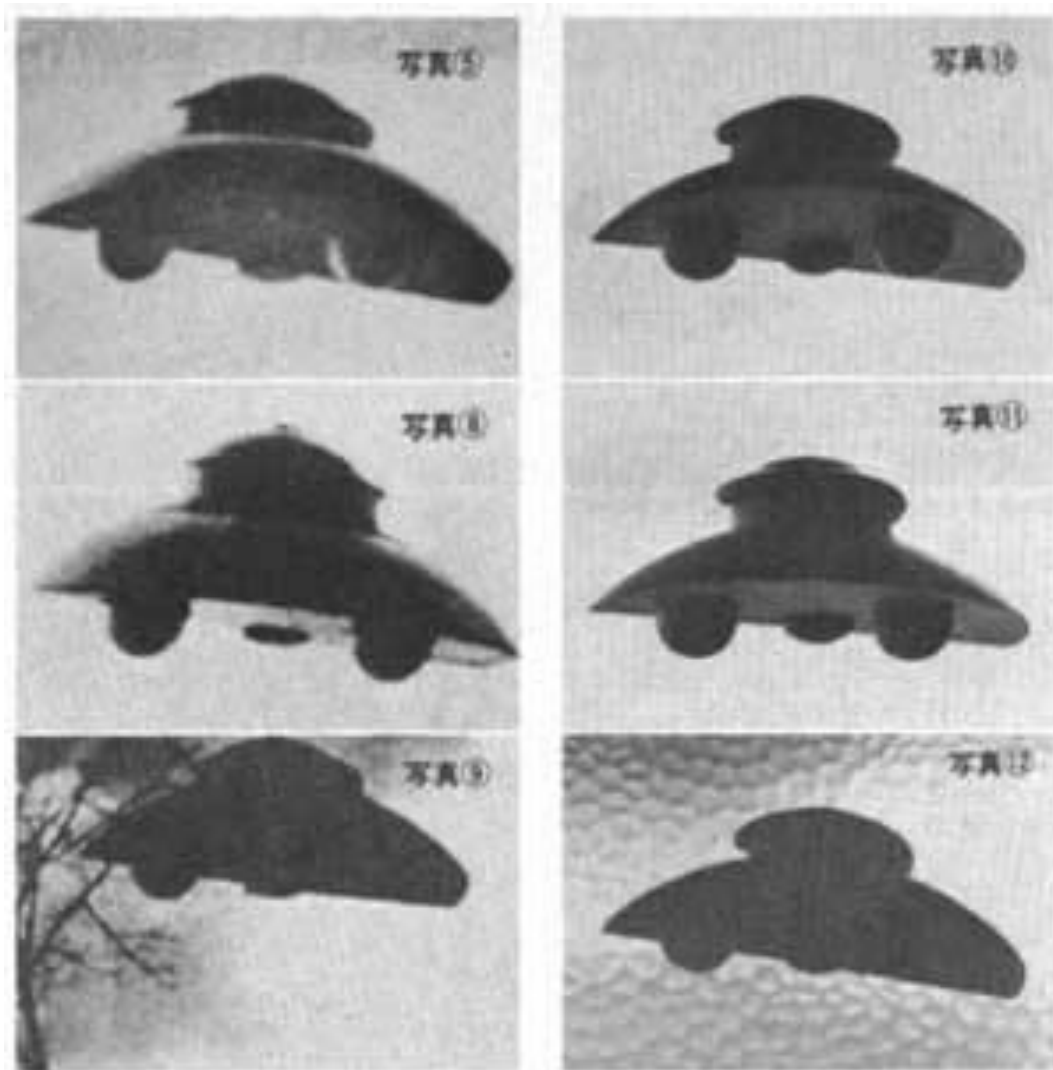
Orthon and the Contactees

On 20 November 1952, Adamski and several friends were in the Colorado Desert near the town of Desert Center, California, when they purportedly saw a large submarine-shaped object hovering in the sky. Believing that the ship was looking for him, Adamski is said to have left his friends and to have headed away from the main road. Shortly afterwards, according to Adamski's accounts, a scout ship made of a type of translucent metal landed close to him, and its pilot, a Venusian called Orthon, disembarked and sought him out. Adamski claimed the people with him also saw the Venusian ship, and several of them later stated they could see Adamski meeting someone in the desert, although from a considerable distance.



Adamski's photograph, which is said to be of an UFO, taken on 13 December 1952. However, German scientist Walther Johannes Riedel said this photo was faked using a surgical lamp and that the landing struts were light bulbs. Adamski described Orthon as being a medium-height humanoid with long blond hair and tanned skin wearing reddish-brown shoes, though, as Adamski added, "his trousers were not like mine." Adamski said Orthon communicated with him via telepathy and through hand signals. During the conversation, Orthon purportedly warned of the dangers of nuclear war, and Adamski later wrote that "the presence of this inhabitant of Venus was like the warm embrace of great love and understanding wisdom." Adamski claimed Orthon had refused to allow himself to be photographed, and instead, had asked Adamski to provide him with a blank photographic plate, which Adamski claimed he had given Orthon. George Hunt Williamson (a contactee and Adamski associate) also claimed that after Orthon left, he was able to take plaster casts of Orthon's shoe imprints. The imprints contained mysterious symbols, which Adamski said was a message from Orthon. Orthon is said to have returned the photographic plate to Adamski on 13 December 1952; when developed it was found to contain new strange symbols. It

was during this meeting that Adamski is said to have taken a now famous photograph of Orthon's Venusian scout ship using his 6-inch (150 mm) telescope.



Anglo-Irish eccentric Desmond Leslie struck up a correspondence with Adamski. In the mid-1950s Leslie had created a low-budget UFO film entitled *Them And The Thing* at his home, Castle Leslie. The flying saucer in the film had been created by shining mirrors on to a Spanish Renaissance shield suspended from a fishing line. The film was rediscovered in 2010.

In need of money and keen to create a bestseller, Leslie had written a manuscript about the visitation of Earth by aliens. Its genesis had been Leslie chancing upon a copy of the 1896 book *The Story of Atlantis and the Lost Lemuria* by William Scott-Elliot in a friend's library. Adamski sent Leslie a written account of his supposed contact with Orthon, and photos. Leslie combined the two works into the 1953 co-authored book *Flying Saucers Have Landed*.

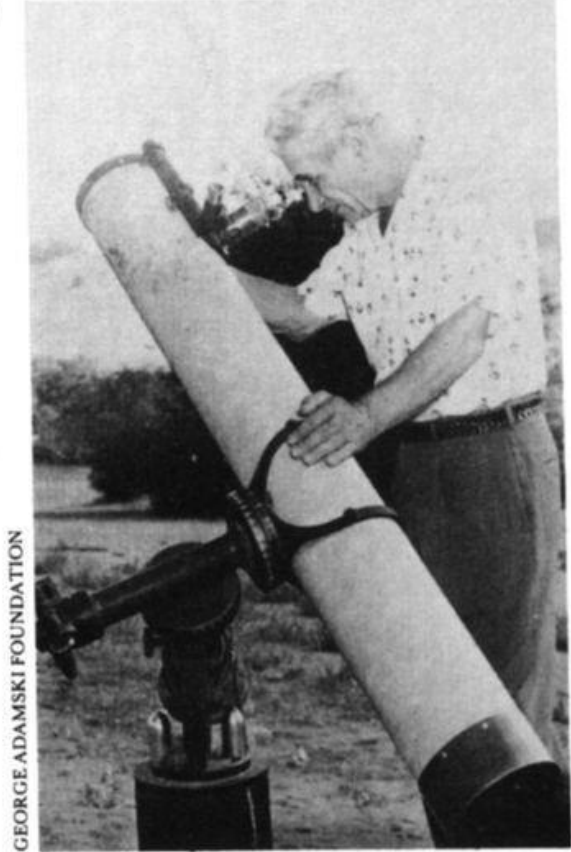
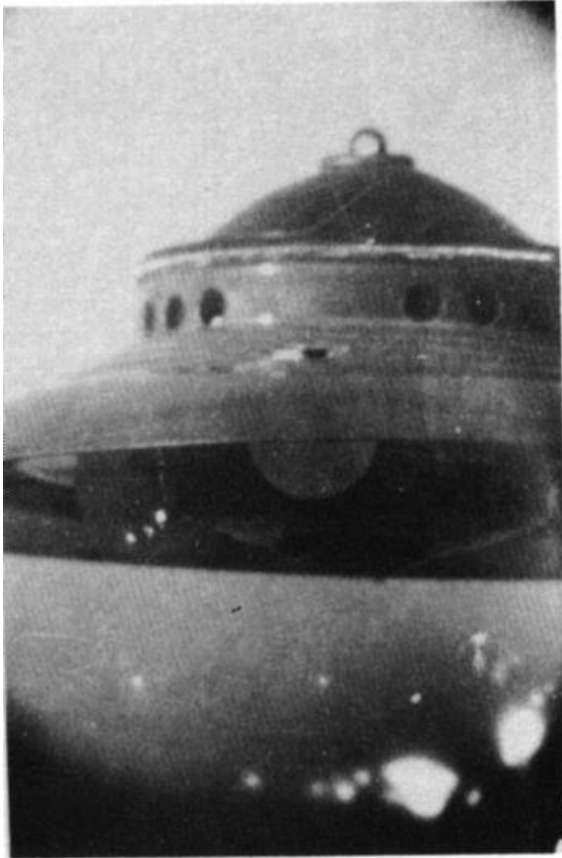
The following year Leslie visited Adamski in California, and claimed to witness several UFOs with him. Leslie described one of them in a letter he sent to his wife while he was in San Diego:

... a beautiful golden ship in the sunset, but brighter than the sunset ... It slowly faded out, the way they do.

Flying Saucers Have Landed claimed Nordic aliens from Venus and other planets in Earth's solar system routinely visited the Earth. According to the book, Orthon and other aliens were worried that nuclear bomb tests in the Earth's atmosphere would kill all life on Earth, spread radiation into space, and contaminate other planets. Adamski claimed that Nordic aliens worshiped a "Creator of All", but that "we on Earth know very little about this Creator...our understanding is shallow."

In his 1955 book *Inside the Space Ships*, Adamski claimed that Orthon arranged for him to be taken on a trip to see the Solar System, including the planet Venus, the location where Orthon said the late Mrs. Adamski had been reincarnated. He claimed that in another voyage he met the 1,000-year-old "elder philosopher of the space people", who was called "the Master". Adamski said he and the Master discussed philosophy, religion, and the "Earth's place in the universe". Adamski said he learned that he had been selected by Nordic aliens to bring their message of peace to Earth people, and that other humans throughout history had also served as their messengers, including Jesus Christ. Adamski further claimed that aliens were peacefully living on Earth, and that he had met with them in bars and restaurants in Southern California.

Adamski's stories led other people to come forward with their own claims of contact and interplanetary travels with friendly "Space Brothers", including such figures as Howard Menger, Daniel Fry, George Van Tassel, and Truman Bethurum. The message of Adamski and his fellow contactees was one in which the other planets of Earth's solar system were all "inhabited by physically handsome, spiritually evolved beings who have moved beyond the problems of Earth people...the reader of *Inside the Space Ships* enters a perfect world, the kind we can create here on Earth if we behave ourselves." Through books, lectures, and conventions - particularly the annual Giant Rock UFO convention in California - the contactee movement would grow throughout the 1950s. However, Adamski would remain the most prominent, and most influential, of the contactees.



GEORGE ADAMSKI FOUNDATION

Left: The famous 'Venusian scout', taken by Adamski on 13 December 1952 through his telescope at Palomar Gardens. Adamski stressed that this particular photo should be printed showing both the field of view of the telescope and internal lens reflections (lower right). *Right:* Adamski with his 6-inch Tinsley reflecting telescope, to which could be attached his Ihagee plate camera.

Adamski's claims of traveling aboard a UFO inspired an elaborate hoax perpetrated by British astronomer Patrick Moore and his friend Peter Davies using the false identity Cedric Allingham.

Straith Letter Hoax

In 1957 Adamski received a letter signed "R.E. Straith," alleged representative of the "Cultural Exchange Committee" of the U.S. State Department. The letter said the U.S. Government knew that Adamski had spoken to extraterrestrials in a California desert in 1952, and that a group of highly placed government officials planned on public corroboration of Adamski's story. Adamski was proud of this endorsement and exhibited it to support his claims.

However, in 2002 ufologist James W. Moseley revealed that the letter was a hoax. Moseley said he and his friend Gray Barker had obtained some official State Department letterheads, created the R.E. Straith persona, and then written the letter to Adamski as a prank. According to Moseley, the FBI investigated the case

and discovered that the letter was a hoax, but charges were not filed against Moseley or Barker.

Moseley also wrote that the FBI informed Adamski that the Straith letter was a hoax and asked him to stop using it as evidence in support of his claims, but that Adamski refused and continued to display the letter in his lectures and talks. This was not the first time Adamski had claimed government support for his UFO stories. In 1953 he told a meeting of the Corona, California Lions Club that his "material has all been cleared with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Air Force Intelligence."

When the FBI learned of Adamski's claims, three agents were sent to talk to Adamski. He denied having stated that the FBI or USAF intelligence supported his claims (even though his remarks were reported in a local newspaper, the Riverside Enterprise), and he agreed to sign a letter stating that "he understood the implications of making false claims" and that the FBI "did not endorse [the claims] of individuals." The three FBI agents also signed the letter, and a copy was given to Adamski.

However, a few months later Adamski told an interviewer that he had been "cleared" by the FBI, and displayed the letter as proof. When the Los Angeles Better Business Bureau complained, more FBI agents were sent to retrieve Adamski's copy of the letter, "read the riot act to him, and warn him that legal action would be taken if he continued" to claim FBI or government support for his stories. Adamski later said the FBI had "warned [him] to keep quiet."

Meeting with Queen Juliana of the Netherlands

In May 1959, the head of the Dutch Unidentified Flying Objects Society told Adamski she had been contacted by officials at the palace of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands who advised "that the Queen would like to receive you." Adamski informed a London newspaper about the invitation, which prompted the court and cabinet to request that the queen cancel her private audience with Adamski, but the queen went ahead with the audience, saying, "A hostess cannot slam the door in the face of her guests." After the audience, Dutch Aeronautical Association president Cornelis Kolff said "The Queen showed an extraordinary interest in the whole subject." The Royal Netherlands Air Force Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Haye Schaper said "The man's a pathological case." Wire services such as United Press International and Reuters circulated reports of the meeting to newspapers around the world.

Later life

Adamski's "Golden Medal of Honor", which he claimed to have received during a secret audience with Pope John XXIII. In 1962, Adamski announced that he would be attending an interplanetary conference held on the planet Saturn. In 1963, Adamski claimed that he had had a secret audience with Pope John XXIII and that he had received a "Golden Medal of Honor" from His Holiness. However, skeptics noted that the medal was actually a common tourist souvenir made by a company in Milan, Italy, and that Adamski displayed it to his friends in a cheap plastic box - which is how it was sold in tourist shops in Rome. Adamski said he met with the Pope at the request of the extraterrestrials he was allegedly in contact with, in order to request a "final agreement" from the Pope because of his decision not to communicate directly with any extraterrestrials, and also to offer him a liquid substance in order to save him from the gastric enteritis that he suffered from, which would later become acute peritonitis.

Death

On 23 April 1965, aged 74, Adamski died of a heart attack after giving a UFO lecture in Maryland. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Investigations and criticism

Over the decades numerous critics and skeptics have investigated Adamski's claims. The aliens Adamski claimed to have met in the 1950s were described by him as "human beings from another world", usually light-skinned, light-haired humanoids that would later be called Nordic aliens. Adamski claimed in his books that these "alien humans" came from Venus, Mars, and other planets in Earth's solar system. However, none of the planets he mentioned are capable of supporting human life, due to their environmental conditions. The first alien Adamski claimed to have met was from Venus, yet the atmospheric pressure on the planet's surface is 92 times that of Earth, it has clouds which rain a toxic substance thought to be sulfuric acid, the atmosphere consists almost entirely of carbon dioxide, with very little oxygen, and the average surface temperature of Venus is 464 °C. In one of his books, Adamski described a trip he took to the farside of the Moon in a UFO, where he claimed to see cities, trees, and snow-capped mountains; he also claimed that the photographs of the Moon's far side that were taken by the Soviet lunar probe Luna 3 in 1959 were altered to depict a barren, lifeless surface instead of what he saw. However, all scientific evidence, as

well as later lunar trips by American astronauts, clearly showed that the far side of the Moon is barren of life and has no atmosphere.

Some of Adamski's supporters posit that the space people whom Adamski claimed contacted him may have had bases on Venus, Mars, Saturn, etc., and Adamski misunderstood and mistook them for actually living on those planets. However, in his writings Adamski described traveling personally to Venus, Mars, and other planets in Earth's solar system, and he clearly stated that they were all capable of supporting humanoid life.^[19] As UFO historian Jerome Clark noted, "some Adamski partisans insisted that Venus, Mars, Saturn, and the rest were merely code words for planets in other solar systems; there is, however, nothing in Adamski's public writings to support this interpretation and considerable testimony to the contrary."

Adamski's photographs of the UFOs he claimed to observe and travel in have also come under scrutiny. His often-published photo of a flying saucer from 1952 has been variously identified as a streetlight or the top of a chicken brooder. Adamski claimed that movie director Cecil B. DeMille's top trick photographer, J. Peverell Marley, had examined his UFO photos and found a "spaceman" in them, and Marley himself declared that if Adamski's pictures were fakes, they were the best he had ever seen. In the United Kingdom, 14 experts from the J. Arthur Rank company concluded that the object photographed was either real or a full-scale model.

However, in his 1955 investigation into Adamski's claims, James W. Moseley interviewed Marley, who denied that he had enlarged the photos for analysis, found a "spaceman" in them, or knew of anyone who had. Moseley also interviewed German rocket scientist Walther Johannes Riedel, who told him that he had analyzed Adamski's UFO photos and found them to be fakes. Riedel told Moseley that the UFO's "landing struts" were actually 100-watt General Electric light bulbs, and that he had seen the "GE" logo printed on them. In 2012, UFO researcher Joel Carpenter identified the reflector-shade of a widely available 1930s pressurised-gas lantern as an identical visual match to the main portion of Adamski's saucer.

In his 1955 investigation, Moseley found other flaws in Adamski's story. He interviewed several of the people that Adamski claimed had been with him in his initial 20 November 1952 meeting with Orthon, and found that these witnesses contradicted Adamski's claims. One, Al Bailey, denied to Moseley that he had seen a UFO in the desert or the alien Adamski described. Jerrold Baker, who had worked at Palomar Gardens with Adamski, told Moseley that he had overheard "a tape-recorded account of what was to transpire on the desert, who was to go, etc." several days before Adamski's claimed 20 November meeting with Orthon, and Baker stated that Adamski's meeting with Orthon was a "planned

operation." Baker added that Adamski had tried to convince him not to expose their hoax by telling him that he could make money by charging fees to give UFO lectures, as Adamski was doing: "Now you know the [UFO] picture connected to your name is in the book (*Flying Saucers Have Landed*) too. And with people knowing that you are connected with flying saucers...you could do yourself a lot of good. You could give lectures in the evenings. There is a demand for this! You could support yourself by the picture in the book with your name."

Moseley discovered that George Hunt Williamson, another prominent contactee and friend of Adamski, did not witness any UFO nor Adamski's encounter with Orthon, despite his public statements claiming otherwise. When Irma Baker, Jerrold Baker's wife, accused him of lying about the incident, Williamson told her cryptically that "sometimes to gain admittance, one has to go around the back door." In his report on Adamski, Moseley wrote "I do believe most definitely that Adamski's narrative contains enough flaws to place in very serious doubt both his veracity and his sincerity. The reader will be moved to make for himself a careful re-evaluation of the worth of Adamski's book."

In the early-to-mid 1950s USAF Captain Edward J. Ruppelt was the head of Project Blue Book, the Air Force group assigned to investigate UFO reports. In 1953 Captain Ruppelt decided to investigate Adamski's UFO claims. He traveled to California's Palomar Mountain and, dressed in civilian attire to avoid attracting attention, attended one of Adamski's lectures before a large crowd at his Palomar Gardens Cafe.

Ruppelt concluded that Adamski was a talented con artist whose UFO stories were designed to make money from his gullible followers and listeners, and he compared Adamski to the famed hoaxer, carnival, and circus showman PT Barnum. In describing Adamski's speaking style, Ruppelt wrote "to look at the man and listen to his story you had an immediate urge to believe him...he was dressed in well-worn, but neat, overalls. He had slightly graying hair and the most honest pair of eyes I've ever seen. He spoke softly and naively, almost pathetically, giving the impression that 'most people think I'm crazy, but honestly, I'm really not.'" According to Ruppelt, Adamski had a persuasive effect on his audience, "you could actually have heard the proverbial pin drop" in the restaurant as Adamski told of his initial 1952 meeting with Orthon. When Adamski finished his story, Ruppelt noted that many of his listeners purchased copies of Adamski's UFO photos that were on sale in the restaurant. At another lecture led by Adamski and other well-known contactees, Ruppelt wrote that "people shelled out hard cash to hear Adamski's story."

Ruppelt believed "the common undertone to many of these [contactee] stories ... is Utopia. On these other worlds there is no illness, they've learned how to cure all diseases. There are no wars, they've learned how to live peaceably. There is no

poverty, everyone has everything he wants. There is no old age, they have learned the secret of eternal life...Too many times this subtle pitch can be boiled down to, "Step right up folks and put a donation in the pot. I'm just on the verge of learning the spaceman's secrets and with a little money to carry out my work I'll give *you* the secret."

According to Ruppelt, by 1960 Adamski's UFO lectures, and in particular his first two books, had made him an affluent man: "[His] hamburger stand is boarded up and he now lives in a big ranch house. He vacations in Mexico and has his own clerical staff. His two books *Flying Saucers Have Landed* and *Inside the Space Ships* have sold...200,000 copies and have been translated into every language except Russian." Ruppelt humorously noted that by 1960 two "beautiful spacewomen" who claimed to be Nordic aliens were dating Adamski, a blonde from Saturn called "Kalna" and another woman named "Ilmuth".

Adamski's 1955 book *Inside the Space Ships*, which describes his claimed travels through Earth's solar system in a UFO, is considered by some critics to be a "remake" of his 1949 science fiction book, ghostwritten for Adamski by Lucy McGinnis, and entitled *Pioneers of Space*. It described a fictional voyage through the solar system that, critics noted, sounded very similar to the space travels described by Adamski in *Inside the Space Ships*.

Elizabeth Klarer and Her Handsome Alien Lover from the Planet Meton



Picture of Elizabeth Klarer.

The sort of people who claim to have had sex with aliens typically aren't respected very highly (go figure), but one of the earliest claimants, South African Elizabeth Klarer, was actually a rather accomplished woman. After studying music and meteorology in England, Klarer served as a pilot in the South African Air Force during World War II. She later became an agent for Royal Air Force Intelligence.

Born in 1910 to a wealthy family, Klarer grew up fascinated by the Zulu folklore told to her by the family's native African workers, and she was especially intrigued by the stories of sky gods going up into the sky and vowing to someday return. After reading some books by alien contactee George Adamski in the early 1950s, Klarer apparently remembered some UFO sightings she experienced during her childhood. On two separate occasions, she saw a giant flying disc in the sky. After the second sighting, a ball of light floated into her house.

In the mid-1950s, Klarer spotted more UFOs and reported that she was in telepathic contact with a pilot named Akon. Akon and his co-pilot, both of whom were astrophysicists, eventually let Klarer board their spaceship. They told her

that they came from Meton, a planet in the galaxy of Alpha Centauri. Klarer became friends with the aliens, and they continued making visits to her.



Picture of a UFO taken by Klarer in 1955 and drawing of AKON.

After a time, Klarer felt a great attraction toward Akon, and doubtlessly unable to resist the opportunity of kinky intergalactic space sex with an attractive extraterrestrial species, took him as a lover and became pregnant. Akon then took her to live on Meton, where she gave birth to a hybrid son the couple named Ayling.

According to Klarer, Meton was a utopia free of crime, greed, and poverty. The inhabitants of Meton looked just like humans, but they were kinder, taller, and better-looking. Metonians could live for thousands of years, and were even able to reincarnate after death. They dressed in beautiful silk clothing and ate only natural food. They didn't care for sports, but loved art and music. They never married or divorced and had large families. The Metonians adored children and were fond of keeping pet birds. There was no need for schools or books because communication and learning were all done through telepathy. Technologically and spiritually, the Metonians were thousands of years ahead of earthlings.

As much as she liked Meton, Klarer had difficulty living there because of the atmosphere, so she went back to earth after four months. Occasionally, she would receive visits from Akon and Ayling, the latter whom followed in his father's cosmic footsteps to also become an astrophysicist.

In 1980, Klarer published an account of her experiences in a book called *Beyond the Light Barrier*. While there were only some family members to back her story,

and no documentation of her alleged pregnancy, Klarer insisted that her story was true up until her death in 1994.

Eisenhower's Close Encounter at Holloman AFB



President Dwight D. Eisenhower (Ike).

February 1955 at Holloman Air Force Base, shortly after the US Air Force became a separate branch of the service, Alamogordo Air Base became Holloman AFB in honor of Colonel George V. Holloman, a pioneer in Air Force research and development. The old Alamogordo airfield had been a training base for heavy bombers. Then, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was landing at Holloman. It was a smooth landing as landings go. The big Lockheed Constellation in passenger service in those days carried over 125 passengers, but there were fewer than twenty aides and secret service men in the main cabin with the crew of fourteen each at his station.

At about 7,000' into the landing, Major Bill Draper, the pilot, started reversing the engines, and the plane slowed measurably and taxied to the end of the runway. Air Force One taxied back up the runway about 75 yards and stopped. All engines

were shut down. There were probably 300 people with a vantage point, who saw Air Force One land, and as it did, they called others to other windows, work stations and vantage points. It must have seemed very eerie for the president's plane to be seen sitting out there almost a half mile away, alone and quiet.

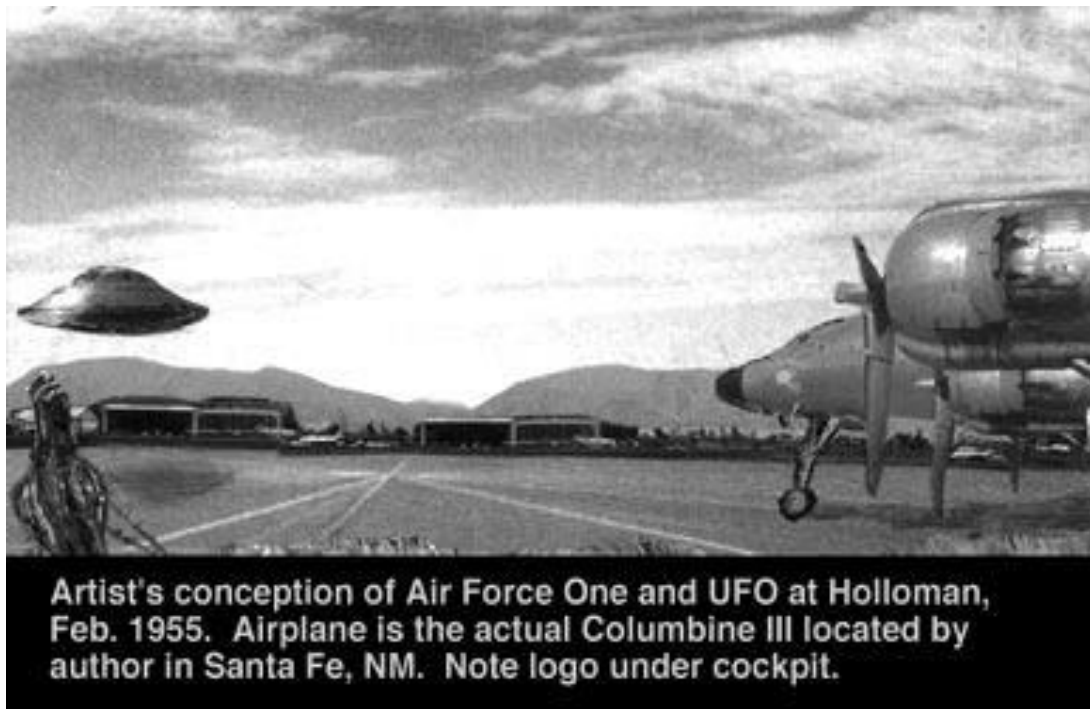
No red carpet, no band, no honour parade, just a few horned meadowlarks calling in the distance. Eventually, the base workers returned to their stations. And always the question was asked: Is Ike here? What's going on? The civilians and military on the base had been told that while the president was here, this would be a business as usual day. A few minutes earlier, Col. Sharp, the base commander, and several officers had gone to the base operations tower to see the president's plane land.

The first communication they heard about 8:10 was "*HOLLOMAN TOWER, THIS IS AIR FORCE 7885 TEN MILES EAST OF MARYHILL.*"

They requested landing instructions, other traffic in the area, and base wind direction. The runway they were assigned was the farthest away from the hangars and workshops. It was obvious to base personnel that what was happening or going to happen was as far away as it could be. Little could be seen unless one had a vantage point and binoculars. Phones all over the base were very busy, many questions were asked, is he still out on the runway?



The civilian electrician on power pole is shocked to see a UFO heading towards him. He got down to the ground in record time.



But about ten minutes after the plane landed the radar officers gave instructions to shut off all radar. He had turned base operations over to his deputy base commander as long as the President was here. He felt it his duty to be with him with no distractions.

There were a dozen visual patrols out around the base and some of the up range small radars were on. A phone rang in the tower with a report of two unidentified objects passing over Range Road 12. Then a minute later the bogies were over Range Road 7 only a few minutes from the runways. Men in the tower swung their glasses to the north in the morning haze. Then something glinted in the sun, then something else just below it.

A report came in of a third bogie five minutes behind the first two. The tower personnel who did not know what these were, were stunned. No tail, no wings, no motors. Just round objects approaching the president's plane sitting alone on the far runway with a covey of base officers in the tower, including Col. Sharp. They knew something big was up. They reported the objects, logged them and did their job which was business as usual. The two objects stopped about 300' over Air Force One, and one descended on the far side of the plane and gently touched about 200' ahead of the plane.

The other hovered briefly and then came across the near runway towards the big hangars and some shop buildings. It took up a position somewhere above the buildings over the tarmac. The disk had a good vantage point of anything that might come towards the president's plane and the disc on the ground. It was with some disbelief that two UFOs had come to Holloman AFB in February of 1955. There was little background for believing in them at all as extraterrestrial. Some who saw or heard about the two craft at the base that day thought they might be new Russian or German innovations.

Soon after the UFO landed in front of Air Force One, a man many assumed to be the President, came to the doorway of the plane, descended the portable stairs and approached the saucer on the ground. Some sort of a hatch had been opened a few minutes before and had folded down to become a small ramp. The man walked up the ramp, stood briefly at the opening, shook hands with someone, and went inside.

Observers thought the period of time to be about 45 minutes. When he emerged from the craft, he walked towards Air Force One. Part of this time he was facing the observers, and most were sure it was Ike. He wore no hat, and many recognized the hairline and his erect military walk.

Did President Eisenhower Meet With Aliens at Holloman Air Force Base?

In 1953, President Harry Truman gave up the oval office and passed the reins of power to his successor, President Dwight D. Eisenhower (Ike). It appears that Truman also gave Ike a pretty hefty file concerning a top secret project called Majestic 12 that Truman established by classified executive order. Majestic 12 consisted of a group of scientists, military personnel and other governmental professionals who all worked together to understand and communicate with UFOs and extraterrestrials (ETs).

President Eisenhower was extremely interested in UFOs and ETs: there is evidence that he met with ETs secretly, at least three times. Once at Edwards Air Force Base (AFB) in California and twice at Holloman AFB in New Mexico. Since the Eisenhower meetings, other instances of UFOs landing at or near Holloman AFB have been reported.

1954 Eisenhower-ET Meeting at Edwards AFB

President Eisenhower, who had been a five-star Army general, always had a "strong belief in life on other planets". In February 1954, he was spending several

days in Palm Springs on vacation. He disappeared for several hours one Saturday afternoon and even missed a scheduled public dinner. He was not seen again until late the following morning.

The press questioned Ike's whereabouts, so the White House Press Secretary told them that Ike had chipped a tooth and gone to see a dentist. Even at that time, rumors were that he was visiting ETs at nearby Edwards AFB. The dentist story falls apart upon close inspection. Washington Post staff writer, Peter Carlson, denies the story of the chipped tooth and calls it a cover-up.

There Was No Dentist Visit

The Eisenhower Presidential Library has detailed reports of all Eisenhower's medical and dental records. There is no reference to a broken or chipped tooth or dentist visit related to the Palm Springs visit. The Library also has copies of acknowledgments that were sent to everyone Eisenhower had contact with while in Palm Springs. There were records of people who met the airplane, people who sent flowers, the minister who gave the sermon at the Sunday service he attended, and others who played minor roles. But there is no proof of a note sent to a dentist. Years later, the dentist's widow said she had no recollection of ever being told by her husband that he had done dental work on the President.

Corroborating Evidence of the ET Visit

William Cooper, who was on the Naval Intelligence briefing team and had access to classified documents, is a credible witness. His review of those documents revealed that ETs had had contact with Earth. They had warned that the Earth was "on a path of self-destruction" and they wanted to meet to help effectuate a long-lasting peace.

Meeting with Eisenhower

The first meeting with the aliens and President Eisenhower occurred at Edwards AFB in February 1954. Navy Commander Charles L. Suggs reported that his father had attended the meeting between Ike and the ETs. Eisenhower met with two Nordic appearing, blue-eyed ETs. A third one stood near the door as a lookout.

The discussions were polite. Eisenhower wanted to effectuate a treaty with the aliens, but was unwilling to agree to their demand that we cease testing nuclear weapons. The aliens left with no treaty in place, but returned the next year to Holloman AFB in New Mexico, not too far from the famous Roswell alien aircraft crash site, for a subsequent meeting with Eisenhower.

Gerald Light's Letter

There is a corroborating story to the ET meeting with Ike at Edwards AFB. The accuracy of the story is difficult to confirm. A man named Gerald Light wrote a letter in April 1954 claiming to have been an eyewitness to the Edwards AFB meeting between Eisenhower and ETs. Light provided details such as watching Air Force officials studying five aircraft with the permission of their alien owners!

Some question the credibility of Light's report since he was known to have a love of the occult and claimed to be clairvoyant, but others like Meade Layne, the former director of Borderland Sciences Research Foundation, confirms and believes Light did know first-hand what occurred.

1955 Eisenhower-ET Meeting at Holloman AFB

There were several eyewitness reports of a second meeting between Ike and ETs at Holloman AFB in New Mexico, which is only about 120 miles from the well-known Roswell incident. The reports are more detailed than the ones provided for the Edwards AFB meeting.

In February 1955, approximately 300 people saw Air Force One land at Holloman AFB and taxi back out to the end of the runway. Shortly after the plane landed, the pilot instructed the tower to turn off all radar while the president's plane was on the tarmac. Shortly after Air Force One landed, and the radar was turned off, three round objects were seen in the sky. One landed about 200 feet in front of Air Force One, another hovered over the area as though keeping watch, and a third one disappeared from visibility.

A man, presumed to be Eisenhower, descended the steps of Air Force One.

He was seen shaking hands with a being at the door of the saucer, then entering the unusual saucer-shaped aircraft. Ike was in the saucer for about 45 minutes.

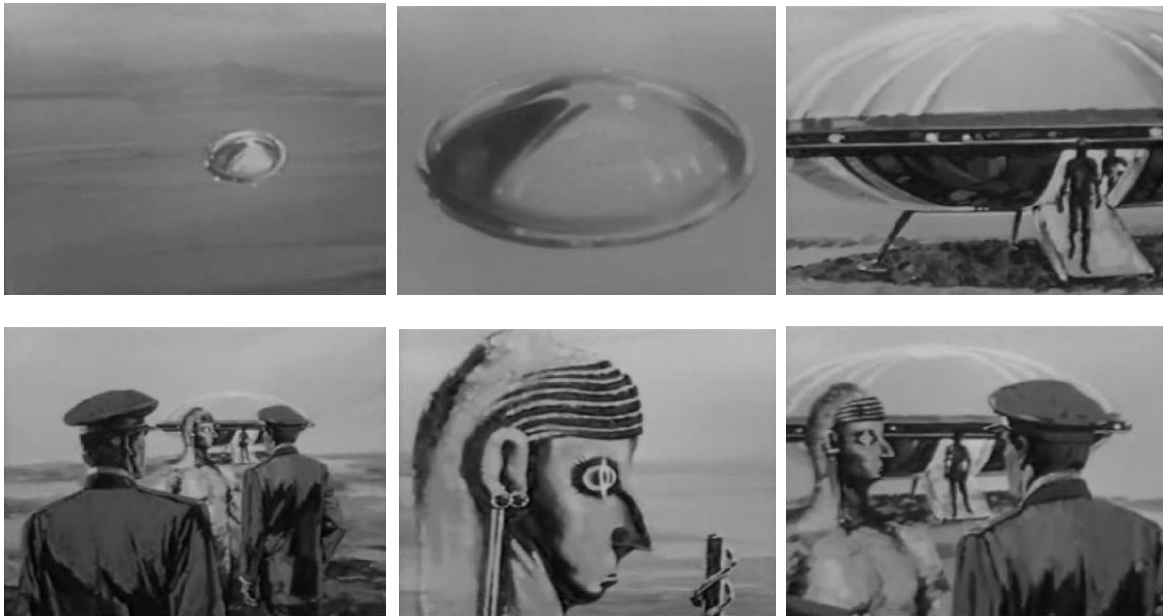
When he left, he was not wearing a hat and was clearly visible to many observers. All witnesses recognized him as President Eisenhower.

Respected author and former pentagon consultant, Timothy Good, came forward in 2012 to talk about Ike's meetings with ETs. Good discussed the purpose of those meetings. The upshot is that these particular extraterrestrials, like many others ETs, apparently wanted peace. They were trying to negotiate some sort of positive settlement for Earth's problems. Evidence indicates that they wanted the U.S. to discontinue testing nuclear weapons. At first, they apparently wanted the public to be told the truth about their existence. In the final treaty, they seemingly had changed their mind and wanted to remain secret.

Ultimately, Eisenhower signed a treaty with an alien race called Alien Grays. The terms of the Treaty are reported to have been:

- We would not be involved in their affairs and they would not become involved in ours
- They would help us with developing our technology
- They would not make a treaty with any other nation on Earth
- They could abduct humans for various experiments, but had to provide names of all those they abducted to Earth's Majestic 12 committee
- The public would not be informed about the existence of ETs.

Another UFO Landings at Holloman AFB



In 1964, three UFOs flew into the air space at Holloman AFB. They were tracked on radar and actually captured on film. One seemed to wobble and eventually landed at the AFB. Three humanoids with blue-gray complexions, dressed in tight-fitting flight suits, were met by the Air Force base commander and four other officers. The aliens stayed for several days and their aircraft was purportedly repaired. What was discussed in the meetings is still a mystery. It is also still a mystery as to why so many people could have been involved in the meetings and, to date, so few people have broken their silence.



Through the years, there have been more reports of UFO landings at Holloman AFB. Documentaries have mentioned Holloman AFB as the site of alien landings. A documentary narrated by the legendary Rod Serling, “UFO's: Past, Present and Future,” was produced in 1974. It has a segment on UFO landings at Holloman AFB and the 1955 meeting with Eisenhower. The documentary was nominated for a Golden Globe award as the best documentary of the year. A later documentary, released in 1976, “UFOS: It Has Begun,” also referenced Holloman AFB and the landings that have occurred there.

What seems to have been overlooked with this particular event is the appearance of the entities that reportedly disembarked from the craft the so-called 'Large- Nosed' Aliens or 'Large-Nosed' Grays. According to the descriptions (and artist's impressions), these entities don't look anything like 'Grays' at all.

Only a handful of UFO researchers over the years have mentioned these 'Large- Nosed' Aliens. Some speculated they come from Betelgeuse in the constellation of Orion. Some speculate that a treaty was signed with these visitors and that three (or more) humans left the earth with them. Some also speculate that the more commonly known Grays are manufactured by and are subservient to another alien species - possibly these 'Large-Nosed' Aliens. No doubt you have heard some of these theories before...



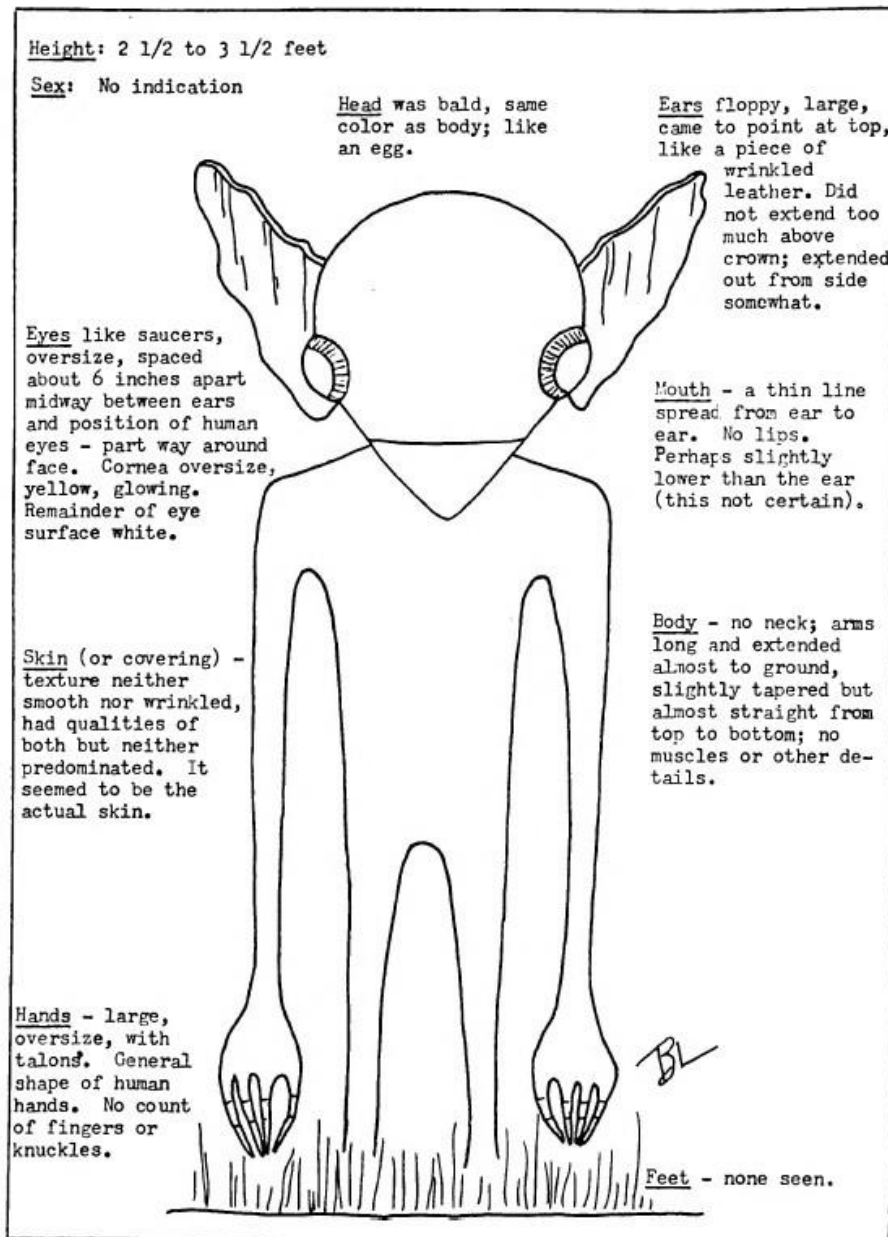
artist's impressions of Holloman AFB's Alien

Further descriptions given by Paul Shartle of the Holloman aliens: "big-nosed" tall humanoids with gray complexions and eyes with vertical slits, similar to cat eyes. They had thin, slit-like mouths and no chins. They wore tight-fitting jump suits, thin headsets that appeared to be communications devices, and in their hands they held a translator.

Is This One of Many Alien Government Cover-Ups?

There may have been a time when alien cover-ups were beneficial for the safety of the country and the planet, but is it still necessary in modern times? There is a strong consensus among officials that alien evidence and cover-up is widespread. Will the government ever share with the public all the documents concerning ETs visiting the Earth and making treaties with our government? Why does the government still believe alien visits need to be covered-up? Learn more about alien visitors to Earth and subsequent government cover-ups.

The Kelly-Hopkinsville case



On the evening of Sunday, August 21, 1955, Elmer "Lucky" Sutton, a young man in his early 20s, was visiting his mom Glennie Lankford and three younger half-siblings at the farmhouse he'd grown up in, eight miles north of Hopkinsville. On break from his job with a traveling carnival, Lucky had his wife, Vera, and their friends Billy Ray and June Taylor with him for the weekend. His brother JC and sister-in-law Alene, plus a family friend, OP, were also there that night.

Following a hearty supper prepared by Miss Glennie, the party of 11 had settled in for a card game when Billy Ray made an outlandish claim. Walking back into the house from a trip to the well to refill his water glass, he blurted out that he'd

just seen a round, metallic object, with rainbow-colored streaks trailing behind it, moving through the sky above the farm. His companions took it as a prank, at first, writing it off as another one of the tricks Billy Ray and Lucky liked to play on each other. But Billy Ray seemed genuinely bothered by whatever he'd seen, despite the others' insistence that it was probably a meteor or shooting star. When he asked his wife, June, for reassurance that she believed him, the absurdity of it all sent her and the others into fits of laughter.

Unwilling to let it go, Billy Ray got Lucky to walk out to the well with him so he could point out exactly where the object had gone across the sky. Lucky didn't know what to make of his friend's story, but it was clear something had scared him. They were headed back to resume their game when something stopped them in their tracks, they claimed: a glowing object, approaching from the woods behind the house. As it got closer, they realized it was a short, humanlike creature, with large eyes, two legs that seemed to float rather than walk, and two arms raised as if in surrender. Lucky yelled an expletive and the two men ran inside, slamming the door behind them.

Around the same time, a neighbor about a quarter mile north of them noticed lights in the woods behind the Sutton farm and figured the family was searching for one of their pigs that had gotten out. Later, when he would hear gunshots, he imagined they were dealing with a bobcat preying on their livestock. Glennie didn't understand what the commotion was about she'd lived on the property for decades and never experienced anything even remotely strange but didn't want Lucky's talk of "otherworldly goblins" upsetting his younger siblings, so she sent them to bed. The next thing she knew, the guys were standing guard at the doors, Lucky at the front with a 12-gauge and Billy Ray at the back with a .22. She couldn't believe how far they were willing to go to play a prank. *I'm not going to be scared in my own house*, she thought.

Once Lucky's mind was set on something, there wasn't any convincing him otherwise, his mother knew. So she tried getting answers from his friend instead. Maybe the two young men were playing a joke on their wives. She sidled up to Billy Ray by the back door: just what exactly was this game all about?, she wanted to know. "Miss Glennie, I hope you don't have to find out," he replied. They were sitting there silently, waiting, while everyone else except Lucky and the children talked in the living room, when a figure about three feet tall appeared in the doorway out of the darkness. Glennie screamed and everyone came running. Billy Ray shot at the would-be intruder, piercing a hole in the screen door. Then, spurred by curiosity, he stepped onto the porch. As he did, he says a clawed hand reached down from the roof, grazing his hair. Not knowing the creature's intent, Alene grabbed Billy Ray and yanked him back inside the house. Lucky stepped

outside, aiming his gun at the roof. The creature he shot rolled off the roof and disappeared into the woods, apparently uninjured.

In the living room, a pair of glowing eyes and a set of talons appeared at the window. JC shot at it through the glass with a 20-gauge shotgun. Close behind, Billy Ray followed up with a bullet. The struck creature back-flipped and took off running. Glennie, a religious woman who'd just been to church earlier that day, started praying. For all she knew, the glowing-eyed creatures on her lawn were sent from the devil himself. The gunfire had stirred her youngest kids from sleep; now they looked to her for answers. The good Lord will watch over us and protect us, she said—as much to reassure herself as her children. Lucky urged the women to take the children into the back room and hide. Everyone but Glennie obeyed: She could hardly believe what she'd seen earlier; she needed a second look to be sure.



Lucky and Billy Ray surveyed the front yard while JC, OP, and Glennie waited inside, JC at the ready with a cocked gun. Someone yelled to look up in the maple tree. This time, everyone could clearly see one of the "little men" perched

on a branch above them. They shot at it but instead of falling, the being floated off. The noise they heard when they fired at another one coming around the corner sounded like bullets hitting metal. It floated away too. Realizing their gunfire was useless, the men retreated.

Back in the house, the group tried to collect their thoughts amidst racing questions: What are these things? Were they goblins or demons? Did their raised arms indicate innocent intent? If they didn't mean any harm to the home's occupants, why did they keep coming back after being shot? Bullets may not have scared the intruders off, but someone pointed out that bright light seemed to hurt their large, yellow-pupiled eyes. Whenever a light came on the beings backed away.

They turned on every light in the house and waited. Outside, it was eerily silent. One of the children began to cry. Lucky was trying to think of what to do next when they heard scratching coming from the roof. He darted outside, pointed his gun at the top of the house, and fired at the creature there. The being floated down and scrambled out of sight beyond the trees, seemingly unharmed like the others. It was becoming abundantly clear that these "goblins" couldn't be deterred—at least not by any means an ordinary farm family had at their disposal.



It was time to get out of there. When the coast was clear, everyone made a break for the trucks, piling in as fast as they could.

The sergeant working the front desk at the Hopkinsville police station didn't know what to say to the 11 people who'd come in before midnight. One of them said they'd been fighting "little silver men" for hours. The officer may not have

believed *that*, but it was obvious *something* had frightened them. Why else would they have children out so late? The officer phoned Chief Russell Greenwell, who in turn radioed Kentucky State Police, the Christian County Sheriff's office, and Fort Campbell Army Base, which dispatched its own police personnel. The local paper got wind of it and sent a staff photographer. Within an hour, at least a half-dozen law enforcement and media members had converged on the Sutton farm, along with the returning family.

Authorities searched the property with flashlights but found no sign of the "little men" only holes in the window screens and plenty of shotgun shell casings. One officer noticed something glowing in the woods, but a search returned nothing. The ground beneath where Lucky had shot one of the alleged beings appeared to have been stained with something that gave off an iridescent sheen when viewed from an angle. Officers questioned the family members separately, but all they got was the same consistent description of the night's events. After hours of fruitless investigation, the police left.



At 3:30 in the morning, after a fitful nap that never entered deep sleep, Glennie awoke to the sight of one of the little men on the other side of her bedroom window. She called out to Lucky, who was dozing on the couch in the living

room. He and Billy Ray spent the next couple of hours watching guard with their guns. The creatures left just before daybreak, they say, the last the family would ever see of them.

On a Sunday afternoon 14 years later, Geraldine Sutton, 8, was watching TV with her brother and sister when a man and a woman knocked on the front door. Geraldine answered; the couple, who looked like they'd just come from church, wanted to know if her parents were home. Once Lucky, who'd emerged from a back room to speak with the couple, realized what they wanted, he figured it was time to let his kids in on the event that had haunted him ever since. Their guests were writing a book about UFO sightings, he explained, and wanted him to contribute his own experience. It was the first they'd ever heard of their father's extraterrestrial encounter.

"My daddy didn't like how people treated him once the story got out," says Geraldine, who now goes by her married name, Stith. "People made fun of him. It was traumatizing. Still to this day the [witnesses] who are alive are afraid to talk."

Kentucky New Era.

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THIS IS THE HOUSE near Kelly where little men from out in space were supposed to have been seen last night. With the gun is Lucky Sutton looking up at the porch roof where one of the invaders supposedly sat. In the doorway is Billy Ray Taylor, who says his hair was pulled by the man on the roof.

Dixie Coal Mine Owners To Study Boosts In Wages

Southern Group May Be Opposed To Northern. John Lewis Agreement

Washington 18 — Dixie coal mine owners gathered today to consider whether they will agree to pay the \$2-a-day wage boost just negotiated for the northern segment of the industry.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers Union, signed a new one-year contract Saturday with Harry M. Moses, president of the Bituminous Coal Operators Assn. The Moses group represents northern commercial and "captive" mines owned by the steel industry. They employ about 150,000 of the industry's nearly 200,000 miners.

More May Sign

Lewis said he expects Joseph E. Moody, president of the Southern Coal Cooperators Assn., as well as mine owners in Illinois and in Western states, to troop into union headquarters and sign on the same terms.

Moody refused to comment in advance of a meeting today of the Southern association's executive committee and a meeting Tuesday of the group's board of directors.

2 Are Injured In Trigg Crash

Cars Collide Head-On Near County Line

Story Of Space-Ship, 12 Little Men Probed Today

Kelly Farmhouse Scene Of Alleged Raid By Strange Crew Last Night; Reports Say Bullets Failed To Affect Visitors

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President Plans A Inspection Of 6 S Suffering Storm L

Military Helicopters Aid Storm Victims; Disease Threats Noted

Stroudsburg, Pa. 18 — The work of military helicopter units in flood-ravaged northeastern Pennsylvania drew a "splendid job" comment today from disaster workers.

The Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aircraft have been everywhere. They've delivered food and medical supplies, rescued the living, recovered the dead and transported rescue teams all over the grim wasteland.

The craft have proved useful in support missions in war, but in the peacetime disaster here they have, perhaps, proved their greatest worth.

In an area where almost every bridge has been knocked askew or washed away, almost every road washed out, almost every rail line torn up, transportation would be primitive were it not for the helicopters.

To go by mobile transportation overland in some instances you

Sunken Rail Tracks, Damage Stop Trains

New York 18 — Huge washouts, caved-in bridges and sunken tracks today gravely crippled Eastern railroad service at many points. It will take weeks to restore the flood-wrecked lines.

The Lackawanna Railroad said one 51 mile stretch between Scranton and Stroudsburg, Pa., was breached at 105 points by landslides, ruined bridges and washouts up to 150 feet deep.

Three weeks will be needed to restore the line.

The Erie Railroad said its main line between Port Jervis and Harrowsburg, N. Y., was wrecked at four major points by 60-foot-deep craters that will require the buildings of temporary bridges.

To maintain traffic between Chicago and Jersey City, the Erie was using the tracks of other railroads.

Eisenhower Will

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Kentucky New Era's front-page coverage of the incident, Aug. 22, 1955.

In the days that followed the 1955 incident, dozens of "UFO fanatics" converged on the small farm, hoping to get a peek at any possible evidence left behind by the so-called men from outer space. "There were so many reporters and looky-loos coming by and walking around the property, taking things and calling them "souvenirs," says Smithey, chairperson of the festival dedicated to all things Little

Green Men. "The family got sick of being harassed and called liars. They left within 10 days." Stith's grandmother Glennie, a widow in her early 50s who had always lived in the country, was so shaken up by the encounter that she sold the farmhouse and moved to an apartment in town: "She felt safer around other people." Whatever happened that night affected her uncle JC, too. "He couldn't hold down a job anymore. It psychologically messed with him," says Stith.

Theories emerged about the Suttons' claims. During subsequent investigations, the family members were questioned separately, each describing the evening's events and the creatures' physical appearance—three to four feet tall with muscular upper bodies and atrophied legs, large glowing eyes, and pointy ears—in a consistent manner. Different artists rendered similar sketches based on their individual descriptions.

And yet, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and UFO researcher highly regarded for his work with the U.S. Air Force, called the Kelly-Hopkinsville case "preposterous" and offensive to "common sense," according to 2008's *A World of UFOs* by Chris A. Rutkowski. Skeptics said the little men were actually monkeys Billy Ray and Lucky had brought back from the carnival, while others thought the family had mistaken great horned owls for aliens. Kentucky moonshine was blamed, even though authorities found none on the premises that night. "We all laugh at that because she didn't allow alcohol, or even cursing, on her property," says Smithey. "They were a very quiet, trustworthy family."

During the summer of 1969, after the UFO writers came calling, Lucky brought Geraldine and her siblings back to his childhood home to show them where one of his life's pivotal moments had taken place. Long since abandoned, the property still held the well, plus a strange circular impression in the ground where Lucky thought the spacecraft must've landed that night.

In 2005, Stith was invited to speak on a panel at an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the sighting. What she found were dozens of people who were fascinated by the encounter but had the facts all wrong. The information had been so misconstrued over the decades that sources were misquoting the witnesses' names and claiming there were 12 alien beings instead of the three or four her family had estimated. "I thought, I heard it from the horse's mouth," she says. "If people want to hear the story, let's get it right." She chronicled her family's experience in the books *Alien Legacy*, published in 2007, and 2015's *The Kelly Green Men: Alien Legacy Revisited*.

In 2010, when the Kelly's community organization, started brainstorming them to build a fundraising event around, they delved into their area's past, hitting on

the Kelly-Hopkinsville encounter as a significant moment in time, says Smithey. Thus, the Little Green Men Days Festival was born. Stith, an annual speaker at the event and similar conventions, says she's often approached by people who want to share their own stories of encounters. "People tell me about things they've seen that they can't explain," she says. "I think, if this really did happen to these people, and I know it happened to my fam, it's terrifying. There are millions of stars and planets in universe, I can't possibility believe ours is the only planet with life."

She bristles at the people who criticize her family for their actions that night. Festivalgoers have expressed opinions that Lucky and Billy Ray shouldn't have shot at the creatures, or that, had it been them, they would've invited the little men in. "My dad was trying to protect them. They were country boys and that's what they knew to do: to get their guns," says Stith. "My family went through something, whether it be paranormal or extraterrestrial, that changed their lives forever. I just want people to realize the terror they went through that night."

Flatwoods monster

In West Virginia folklore, the Flatwoods Monster, also known as the Braxton County Monster or the Phantom of Flatwoods, is an entity reported to have been sighted in the town of Flatwoods in Braxton County, West Virginia, United States, on September 12, 1952. Stories of the creature are an example of a purported close encounter of the third kind.



Appearance

Various descriptions of the entity exist. Most describe it as being at least 7 feet (2.1 m) tall, with a black body and a dark, glowing face. Witnesses described the creature's head as elongated, shaped like a sideways diamond, and as having non-human eyes; a large, circular cowling appeared behind the head. The creature's body was described as "inhumanly-shaped" and clad in a dark, pleated skirt-like exoskeleton, later described as a shadow.

Some accounts record that the creature appeared to have "no visible arms" due to its incredible speed, while others reported long, stringy arms, protruding from the front of its body, with long, claw-like fingers. The creature is referred to as the "Lizard Monster" on the March 10, 2010, episode of *MonsterQuest*. Some

witnesses reported seeing a large, pulsating red ball of light that hovered above or rested on the ground. Ufologists believe that it may have been a powered craft that the entity had piloted.

Chronology



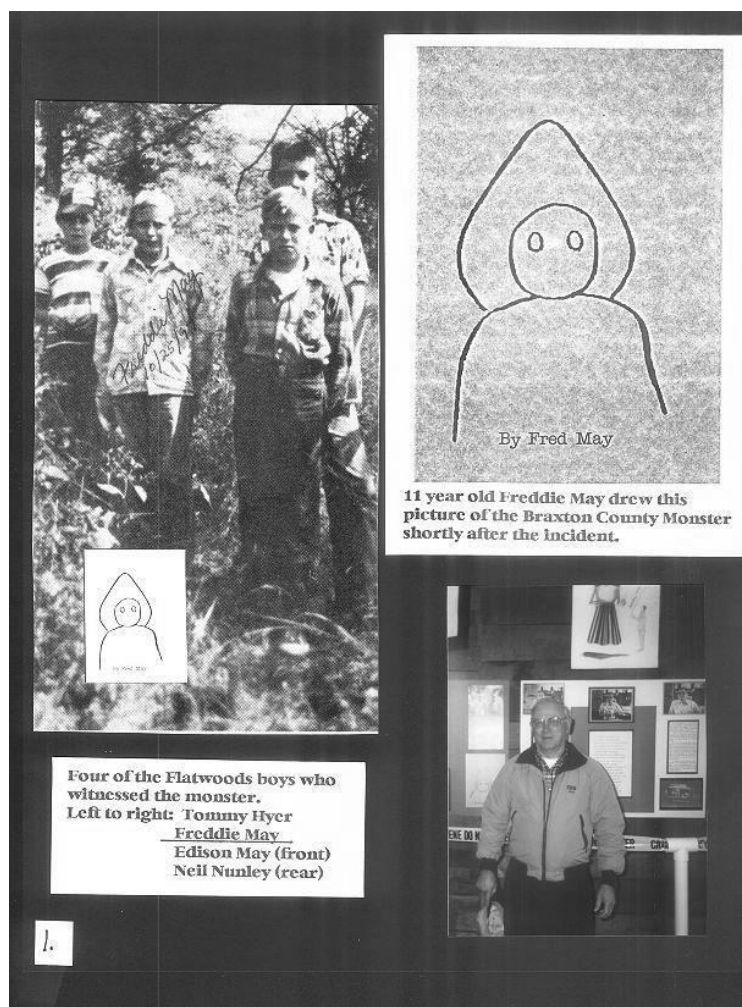
A newspaper clipping of the story of the Flatwoods Monster

At 7:15 p.m. on September 12, 1952, two brothers, Edward and Fred May, and their friend Tommy Hyer (ages 13, 12, and 10 respectively) witnessed a bright object cross the sky, coming to rest on land belonging to local farmer G. Bailey Fisher. Upon witnessing the object, the boys went to the home of the May brothers' mother, Kathleen May, where they told the story of having seen a UFO crash land in the hills. From there, Mrs. May, accompanied by the three boys, local children Neil Nunley (14) and Ronnie Shaver (10), and 17-year-old West Virginia National Guardsman Eugene Lemon, traveled to the Fisher farm in an effort to locate whatever it was that the boys had seen.

Lemon's dog ran ahead out of sight and suddenly began barking, and moments later ran back to the group with its tail between its legs. After traveling about 0.25 miles (402 m) the group reached the top of a hill, where they reportedly saw a large pulsating "ball of fire" about 50 feet (15 m) to their right. They also detected a pungent mist that made their eyes and noses burn. Lemon then noticed two small lights over to the left of the object, underneath a nearby oak tree and directed his flashlight towards them, revealing the creature, which May reported as bounding towards them. Other sources describe it as emitting a

shrill hissing noise before gliding towards them, changing direction and then heading off towards the red light. At this point the group fled in panic.

Upon returning home, Mrs. May contacted local Sheriff Robert Carr and Mr. A. Lee Stewert, co-owner of the *Braxton Democrat*, a local newspaper. Stewert conducted a number of interviews and returned to the site with Lemon later that night, where he reported that "there was a sickening, burnt, metallic odor still prevailing". Sheriff Carr and his deputy Burnell Long searched the area separately, but reported finding no trace of the encounter other than the smell. Early the next morning, Stewert visited the site of the encounter for a second time and discovered two elongated tracks in the mud, as well as traces of a thick black liquid. He immediately reported them as being possible signs of a saucer landing, based on the premise that the area had not been subjected to vehicle traffic for at least a year. It was later revealed that the tracks were likely to have been those of a 1942 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by local Max Lockard, who had gone to the site to look for the creature some hours prior to Stewert's discovery.



After the event, Mr. William and Donna Smith, investigators associated with Civilian Saucer Investigation, LA, obtained a number of accounts from

witnesses who claimed to have experienced a similar or related phenomena. These accounts included the story of a mother and her 21-year-old-daughter, who claimed to have encountered a creature with the same appearance and odor a week prior to the September 12 incident. The encounter reportedly affected the daughter so badly that she was confined to Clarksburg Hospital for three weeks. They also gathered a statement from the mother of Eugene Lemon, in which she said that, at the approximate time of the crash, her house had been violently shaken and her radio had cut out for 45 minutes, and a report from the director of the local Board of Education in which he claimed to have seen a flying saucer taking off at 6:30 a.m. on September 13 (the morning after the creature was sighted).



Sickness

After encountering the creature, several members of the September 12 group reported suffering from similar symptoms, which persisted for some time and which they attributed to having been exposed to the mist emitted by the creature. The symptoms included irritation of the nose and swelling of the throat. Lemon suffered from vomiting and convulsions throughout the night, and had difficulties with his throat for several weeks afterward. A doctor who treated several of the witnesses is reported to have described their symptoms as being similar to victims

of mustard gas, though such symptoms are also commonly found in sufferers of hysteria, which can be brought on by exposure to a traumatic or shocking event.



A Holy Stranger in the Pentagonal Lodge

"When I asked him where he was from, he replied, 'I am from the Planet that is called Venus.' I asked him how many visitors from Venus were presently on Earth and he said, 'There are presently seventy seven of us walking among you in the United States. We are constantly coming and going.'"

The First Meeting

March 16, 1957, in Alexandria, Virginia, one of the finest leaders of the planet Venus, operating under the direction of the Central Control and who had been chosen to make the contact as well as direct the project, landed his craft and was met by two police officers, weapons drawn.

A thought transference quickly convinced them that he meant no harm and he was ushered into the back seat of their patrol car. After crossing over into Washington, D.C., they were met by the Secretary of Defense along with six of his staff members. Soon police from every conceivable district and agency had joined in, all trying to claim their right to escort him to President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Through his own version of the power of positive thinking, he was able to dismiss them all and soon passed through the security posts followed by an Air Force Captain.

Meanwhile, his presence in the area had thrown everyone into a dilemma. The introduction he held from the High Council worried them because, though not written in any Earthly language, their minds were given power to properly translate the inscribed message.

Captain Gould (not his real name) asked him to remain and after downing two plain bourbons muttered...

"My god, why couldn't this have happened on my day off?"

Suddenly the door opened and six armed guards led Val to what appeared to be an elevator. It went rapidly to the bottom-most level. Maximum security was in place. After transferring to an underground train, they sped toward the White House. Six officials, six armed guards and three secret service men escorted him into the office of President Eisenhower.

From behind the desk the President rose while the secret service men remained nervous and uneasy. As he extended his hand to shake that of the President, the secret service men drew their revolvers and pointed them at Val. Following the nod of the President, they reluctantly lowered their guns.

Standing in front of his desk, the President said, "Of course, you know we have suspended all rules of protocol. I have a good feeling toward you. Please, sir, what is your name?" "And where do you come from?"

"I come from the planet your Bible calls the morning and the evening star."
"Venus?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can you prove this," he asked.

"What do you constitute as proof?"

He quickly retorted, "I don't know."

"Will you come with me to my ship?"

He answered with a quizzical look and said,

"My friend, I cannot come and go as I please. There are others to be considered. There are committees to be consulted and security measures to be adhered to. Please spend some time with us here ...Let's get better acquainted ...learn more about one another ...and perhaps soon, real soon, well ...we shall see."

Richard Nixon

At that moment, another gentleman rushed into the room. It turned out to be Vice President **Richard Nixon**.

He appeared to Val to be very sharp, quick-witted, with fixed eyes and an amazing aptitude toward speed and proficiency.

"My name is Valiant," he said as the Vice President thrust his hand without hesitation.

"You have certainly caused a stir ...for an out of townner."

The Vice President smiled as he continued,

"Of course, we are not totally convinced of anything just yet. But suffice it to say we are checking and double checking everything you say and do. When Sergeant Young from Alexandria radioed in and stated that you had just landed in a flying saucer, we thought," he continued, "Sergeant Young had flipped. Say, were you in on that UFO flap over Washington? You certainly had us all in a dither, if you were."

After assuring them that this planet had been under close scrutiny for hundreds of years before the 1945 bomb blast and with his special letter still in the slightly quivering hand of the President, he was requested to follow the Secret Service back the way they had come ...to the Pentagon and into a beautifully furnished apartment where he would spend the next three years.

Fortunately, he was prepared for such a lengthy visit and kept in constant communication with the Starship. There were many occasions during which he

teleported himself in and out of those quarters often exercising "transimagery" to cause the security guards to visualize his face on a nonexistent badge.

Photos Taken

Soon after his arrival, together with three members of his crew, he joined a "convention" in the back yard of the home of Mr. **Howard Menger** in High Bridge, New Jersey. The month was April, 1957. A certain group of individuals who were interested in UFOs were meeting that day.

Val and his crew members, Donn, Jill and Tanyia, had changed into the same type of clothing worn by their Earth friends. The meeting was very interesting and these people were on the right track. He was dismayed to learn the undignified manner in which these people were treated by the press.



Jill - V. Cmdr. Donn - Cmdr. Valiant Thor

Nevertheless, these people were pursuing their beliefs and this was good. A curious young photographer, August C. Roberts, snapped several pictures, thinking he was doing so without Val's knowledge. The photographer seemed to be greatly troubled when he attempted to talk to him. Yet, it was those very photographs which were to bring me together with this unusual man on that cold December day.

Holding the message from the High Council in his hand, the President stated that Val's offer to help the human family would upset the economy of the United States and could plunge her into the Abyss of Chaos. In brief, he politely told Val that the people of this planet were not ready to cope with such conditions as would come into existence if the recommendations of this unearthly visitor were put into action.



venusian Jill

Nevertheless, he was invited to assist a number of scientists who were out working on medical projects directly associated with the space sciences. His allotted time to acquaint the leaders of the United States with his suggestions was limited to three years.

During this time, he refused to advise them regarding a certain "bomb in the sky" which we now know as the Star Wars system.



ValiantThor

"Miracle" Garment

In his apartment, he was able to maintain communications with his ship and was kept informed of the growing world tensions. His uniform underwent rigid tests at that time. By today's standards, they would now be obsolete. They attempted to penetrate the material with a diamond drill bit, but it snapped under pressure.

Acid rolled off the uniform and burned a hole in the floor.

They fired a high-velocity rifle at the uniform but it failed to pierce it.

The report to the President read:

- Physical appearance -- Soft silver and gold lustrous
- Fabric -- Unknown
- Weight-Six ounces, total, including boots
- Cut -- Close fitting like a tunic; no cuffs, pockets, buttons, zippers, clips or hooks
- RXT-2 Tests -- Indestructible

Finally, a bright-eyed Colonel escorted him to a place where the final test would be performed.

Val looked at the laser instrument amusingly. Upon command, the laser aimed a fine line of intense light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation. The Colonel began his discourse that this device contained a crystal-synthetic ruby in which atoms, when stimulated by focused light waves, amplify and concentrate these waves, then emit the beam.

As the Colonel continued to speak, his smile gave way to utter dismay... the ray being totally ineffective against the garment.

He babbled on long after the laser has been turned off. He reiterated how powerful the US had become since the splitting of the atom. He gave Val a lesson in atomic fusion.

He went on to state that when a chain reaction of nuclear fission is set off by a neutron bombardment in the atoms or a charge of plutonium or uranium isotope with an atomic weight of 235 (U-235), an immense quantity of energy is suddenly released. The good Colonel finally talked himself out and Val was conducted back to his quarters...along with his uniform.

1959 was fast drawing to a close.

Chiefs of State were in a constant turmoil and confusion was the rule of the day. Indecision caused delay after delay. Economists and industrial giants conferred

with politicians and military heads daily. The Government leaders could not reconcile Val's being in a position to force their hand if he so desired. Several scientists attempted to learn the secrets of interstellar travel... without success.

Christmas week was now upon us. I had been busily presenting a series of scientific lectures and speaking at a number of Churches in Washington, D.C. Earlier that month, I had returned from Cuba where I met personally with Fidel Castro.

Unbeknownst to me, Val, working with "Nancy Warren" (she was one of only a few since his arrival at the Pentagon in whom he was able to discern an honest and open heart and who loved Almighty *God*, her country and her fellow man), formulated a plan whereby I would be contacted.

Inside the Pentagon

Many Earth people live one life openly while in their hearts and minds, they live quite another. Double mindedness seemed to be a way of life in the Pentagon building that served as the busy nerve center of our nation.

Val once remarked to me that he had never witnessed in one central location such concentrated confusion.

"Nancy" attended the lecture/service which I conducted at the National Evangelistic Center, pastored by Dr. John Mears, in Washington, D.C. Following the conclusion of my talk, she approached the platform and asked to speak to me. Strangely enough, the photographer in New Jersey had given Val's photographs to me and I had been displaying them at my lectures ever since.

I had no personal knowledge of them, other than what I had been told by the photographer. When she was unable to "grab" my attention while I was signing copies of my book SAUCERAMA, she showed her Pentagon ID and that got my attention quickly to say the least.

We borrowed the Pastor's study and she asked me if I would like to meet the man in the photographs personally. Of course, I answered her with a resounding yes. She then asked if I could follow instructions to the letter, to which I replied that I could, and she told me to meet her at the curb in front of my hotel at 8:00 am the next morning.

"Nancy" arrived precisely on time and thus began the journey which at times would seem unreal, but which later would prove beyond doubt that there is truly life in God's Universe.

Those of you familiar with the Pentagon know that the normal traffic flow approaching it is to the right. We drove to the left. I knew then that something strange was going on. We had to stand in line to pass by a security guard. First one, then the second, "VISUALIZED" an identification badge on my lapel. This utterly amazed me and I felt that at any minute, I would be picked up, handcuffed and thrown into some jail somewhere. This of course was only my imagination and anticipation of what was about to take place.

"Nancy" left me standing in front of a door which contained no markings.

As the door opened, I walked in and stood on the threshold. My stocky form shifted from one foot to the other as I cleared my throat. The three men in the room were completely unaware of my presence and ignored me. I was puzzled to say the least. Later, I would find out that Val had clouded their minds and rendered them oblivious to the entire session.

They continued with their work.

The Stranger Appears

Being a minister of the Gospel of *Jesus Christ*, as well as a student of the Bible for many years, coupled with my experience as an special investigator, I felt as though my senses were functioning properly and that I knew exactly what I was about to do.

I was on my guard for fakes and frauds. In walked a man, about six feet tall, perhaps 185 pounds, brown wavy hair, brown eyes. His complexion appeared normal and slightly tanned. As I approached him and he looked at me IT WAS AS THOUGH HE LOOKED STRAIGHT THROUGH ME.

With a warm smile and extending his hand, he greeted me by name.

"Hello, Frank. How are you?"

His genuineness astonished me, but quickly I understood.

As I gripped his hand, I was somewhat surprised to feel the soft texture of his skin... like that of a baby but with the strength of a man that silently testified to his power and intensity.

His voice was very strong and mellow. It was filled with purpose and character. I again looked around the room to see whether the other men would say or do anything. They were still working as if I weren't there.

I noticed that he was wearing the same type of clothing as I. When I asked if he possessed any other clothing, he said that he had given several officials a garment so that they could run tests on it. He then proceeded to a closet and produced a one- piece "suit" that glittered as the sun which streamed in through the window hit the fabric.

I thought that it looked like liquid sunshine. I asked him about the material from which it was made.

He answered, "It is made of a material not of this Earth."

The general appearance of the suit was all one piece ...even down to the boots. It contained no buttons, zippers or snaps. I asked him how it held together. He demonstrated by holding the front together and passing his hand over it as if to smooth it out.

I could not even locate the opening. It was held together by an invisible force.

To Help Mankind

He told me that his purpose in coming was to help mankind return to the Lord.

He spoke in positive terms... always with a smile on his face. He said that man was further away from *God* than ever before, but there was still a good chance if man looks in the right place. He told me he had been here nearly three years and would depart in just a few months.

Claiming that he would not use force to speak with men in authority in America, he was happy to consult with them at their invitation. He further stated that thus far only a few men in Washington knew of his existence in the Pentagon.

And few leaders had availed themselves of his advice during these past three years. He felt there was still so much to do and yet his time of departure was getting near. He told me that *Jesus Christ* would not force men to be saved from their mistakes, even though He had already made a way for mankind to be redeemed through His shed blood.

When I asked him where he was from, he replied, "I am from the Planet that is called Venus."

I asked him how many visitors from Venus were presently on Earth and he said, "There are presently seventy seven of us walking among you in the United States. We are constantly coming and going."

During the next thirty minutes, he told me things about myself that even I did not know.

Later, I was able to verify them with my parents and grandparents. He gave me information regarding the gravitational pull of Venus in comparison to Earth. I was informed that the abdominal muscles hold flesh firm against the mild gravitational pull, which is three-twentieths less than that of Earth.

He gave me information which would be revealed to others over a period of years.

No Fingerprints

The only thing he said that troubled me was his use of the expression "when the time is right" in response to my question as to whether or not I would see him again.

His lack of fingerprints intrigued me as I had been involved as a private investigator for quite some time, even working at times on loan to some of the Government agencies.

I had learned the science of fingerprints ...with the impression of the lines and whorls on the inner surface of the last joint of each finger on the human hand. He told me that all Earth people were thusly marked since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, during the very dawn of civilization as we know it today.

He began to prepare me for the road which lie ahead. It would not be an easy one. There would be adversities, organized attempts to both discourage and discredit me, but the rewards have proved to outweigh these trials which continue even to this day.

We discussed the merits of *Jesus Christ* ... how *He gave His Life freely*... so that men could enjoy the benefits of eternal life. I questioned him about a Bible on Venus and he assured me that a personal unbroken fellowship with the "Author" did not necessitate the printing of a "book".

He found it amusing that many theologians attempt to discredit both *Jesus Christ* and *The Bible*. The very *God* many have said is "dead" continues to lavish them with all good things. Perhaps they will, in time, permit the spark of Divine Light to again illuminate their troubled hearts.

In answer to my question of what he thought of *Jesus Christ*, he said,

"I know that *Jesus* is the Alpha and Omega of yours and everyone else's faith.

He today has assumed His rightful position as the ruler of the universe and is preparing a place and a time for all who are called by His Name to ascend far above the clouds to where His Power and Authority shall never again be disputed.

"I believe that *Jesus Christ* is the wonder of wonders and changes not. No, not forever and forever."

As he spoke these words, my own heart burned within me and tears filled my eyes. He turned to the window and said, "Frank, it will not be long. Contend for the faith, and you will never miss the mark."

I asked him if there is life on other planets.

Life on Other Planets

His reply was,

"There is life on many other planets of which people on Earth know nothing. There are more solar systems for which man has not even given *God* credit. There are many beings that have never transgressed the perfect laws of *God*."

Man does not possess the right to condemn the whole of God's creation because he himself has broken the perfect laws of *God* through disobedience."

I asked him what he would do if the military prevented him from leaving on the appointed day.

He simply stated, "Frank, do you remember one day after *Jesus* arose from the dead, He had gone in search of several of His followers? They closed themselves in a locked room and suddenly they saw *Jesus* standing in the very midst of them?"

He then smiled and looked at me as if to imply, "Need I say more?"

As I turned to leave the room, he said simply, "Please keep your faith and leave the same way that you came in. Continue to seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all other things will, in time, be added to you and yours."

Good-bye for now and *God* bless you and keep you always."

I left that meeting astounded, greatly encouraged, and yet with a heavy heart, not knowing what the future would hold.

I began to wonder who would believe me if I ever told of this strange encounter with a man from another planet. I first considered not repeating this

extraordinary story, but the more I thought about it, the more I prayed about it, the more I felt that it would bring a great blessing to those who would hear and read it.

This interplanetary traveler possessed a wealth of knowledge, not only about science and God, but also about me. He stated that my book SAUCERAMA could not have been written without Heavenly guidance.

Val's instructions were to leave Washington, D.C., no later than March 16, 1960. That meant that there were less than three months during which he could confer with scientists, politicians, military men and the like. All missed his point entirely. They were all filled with self-ambition and cared little for the pressing needs of mankind.

His efforts to bring about an end to the sickness and disease that plague this planet were met with pathetic refusal.

He was told over and over that his presence and his ideas were a threat to the political and economic structure. Certain religious leaders were also fearful of losing a grip on the people in the event that his presence was admitted on an official level.

It was very disheartening that the administration failed to lay hold of such information that would change the course of human activities for the good... because of economic reasons.

Security regulations were very tight, but despite the fact that they knew he would come and go as he pleased, they delighted in playing their game. Val had vowed not to use force and so another course of action would be necessary if the information which he had to relate were to be disseminated.

This is the reason why he contacted men of Godly character and strength around the world. Many are presently working in close contact with Val and other members of his crew.

Meeting with the President

His last meeting with the President did not reap any lasting results.

He wanted to let the world know of Val's proposed plan, but the Secretary of Defense, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Military Chiefs of Staff were opposed to his suggestion. The President attempted to effect a Joint meeting before the General Assembly of the United Nations.

But this plan too was rejected. He was informed that the U.N. would receive a special "press release" in the form of a memorandum to the Secretary General no later than February 7, 1966. These leaders of the U.S. Government argued long into the night, fearing that if the people of this nation learned of the plan Val was offering, they might choose to follow him instead of them.

When a man feels that his personal peace and tranquility may be threatened, the human reaction is always that of swift self-preservation. At one point, the Vice President insisted that the "pressure boys" allow the President to make the choice. He was vetoed without even a chance to complete his statements.

World conditions were not growing any better. Much international pressure



was being brought to bear upon the administration. They fought diligently and enforced rigid regulations with stiff penalties for revealing Val's presence.

Even a major newscaster who inadvertently learned of his visit through one of his paid informants was silenced by none other than the Central Intelligence Agency, which has consistently disclaimed all knowledge concerning UFOs.

Meanwhile, they maintain secret files that could actually prove the existence of intelligent life in the universe beyond all doubt.

The morning of March 15, 1960 saw Val meeting with "Nancy Warren" who would continue to work inside the Pentagon and be one of his contacts in the

Washington, D.C. area. She would continue communication with others who would become part of his Earth contacts.

There are still to this day many adversaries to human freedom. These parasites have imbedded themselves in all phases of human society and will never be exposed except by extraterrestrial intervention. There are confused individuals who have perfected a saucer-type aircraft. Some of these are the result of an attempt by some to institute a master race. Remnants of this group still exist.

These craft which they designed are still seen from time to time in areas of South America where some of those involved in the original plans still reside.

These should not be confused with the spacecraft originating from other worlds or those coming from the interior of this planet. Nor should the occupants of craft originating from other worlds be confused with those "evil messengers" who do not originate from Earth but were cast INTO it after the first "war" ever recorded.

They are in league with Earthly low-grades who have condemned themselves because of their own choices.

The Spaceman Departs

On March 16, Val dematerialized and departed from this phase of his Earthly mission. His next stop was the outskirts of Alexandria, Virginia where his ship and his crew awaited his arrival, hidden by a wooded area. It was no problem for him to reassemble the atoms of his body inside his ship.

As his craft rose slowly, a number of people stopped and pointed excitedly in his direction. Others stood motionless, transfixed by the sight which they beheld. He felt such a tremendous feeling of love for all of them. There was no panic in them... just curiosity and a strong desire to know more.

Then, as the USAF jets were scrambled, and with the force field now in full use, the planes darted past the ship unable to see them now. Even ground radar lost them on their equipment. Confusion once again reigned.

On the way back to Victor One, he meditated on his home planet, the low, heavy, colorful clouds, the even temperatures, the perfectly diffused sunlight that made shadows almost nonexistent, the lushness of the rich green grass surrounding his home. He was informed of several Earth people with whom he would maintain contact for a long time into the future.

Strangely enough, those who knew of his presence, yet who claimed disbelief, were those who feared the most. Others figured THEY should have been the ones contacted and not those who were.

Upon returning to his home planet, he advised the Council of Central Control of the results of his Earth visit including the failure of the leaders of the United States to "take him up" on his offer of advice and assistance to the human family.

He was given the following instructions:

- To mingle with and become as Earth people
- To work and labor in Earth enterprises
- To help those who encounter possible threat or danger while striving for world peace
- To give them advice and guidance
- To entrust with superior knowledge those who have proven themselves
- Divulge the essence of their mission to the collective national leaders of Earth, only when the time is right.

As of this writing, he continues with this mission, at the same time assisting in preventing our "civilization" from being the cause of orbital chaos by the destruction of our planet.

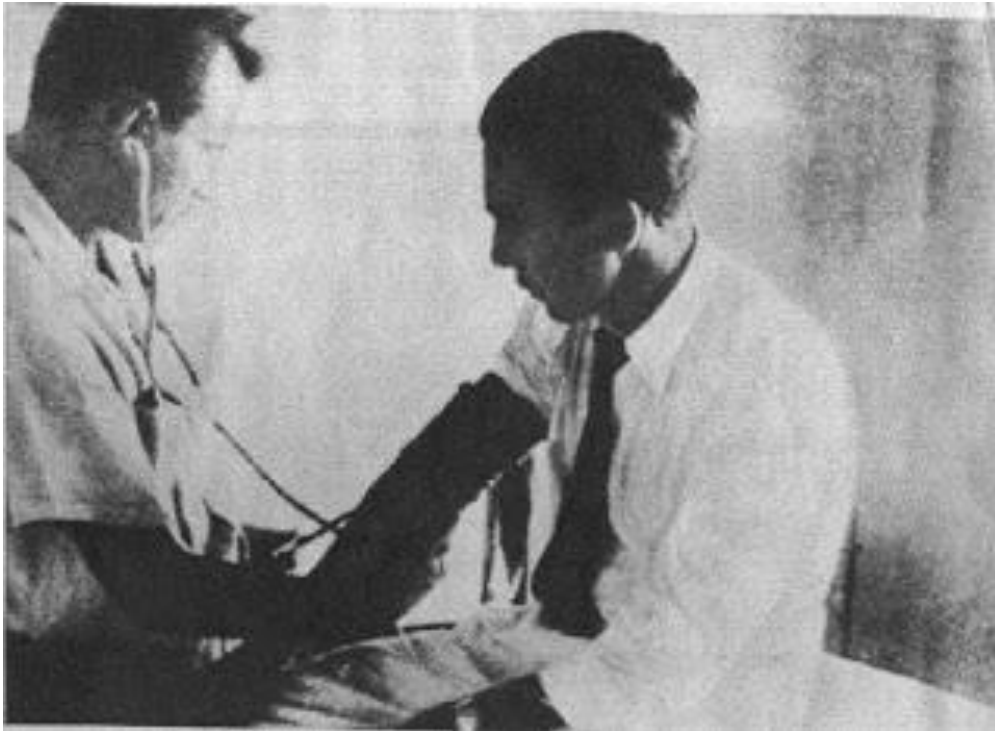
Antonio Villas Boas Abduction

In Brazil during the 1950's worldwide "UFO Flap" comes a report of one of the most bizarre accounts on record *the seduction of Antonio Villas Boas*. The first recorded incident of a UFO abduction in the modern age happened to the 23 year old Brazilian on October 15, 1957. It also stands as a well documented "physical" case with doctors examining the effects after his encounters.



Researcher Bruce Rux relates, "reluctant to tell his story, Boas was convinced by Dr. Olavo T. Fontes, Professor of Medicine at the National School of Medicine of Brazil and also an APRO representative, to publicly relate what happened, which he did on February 22 of the following year to Fontes, journalist Joas Martins, and a Brazilian military intelligence agent. Boas had been found to be suffering from radiation poisoning, and Fontes was curious. Among the symptoms were 'pains throughout the body, nausea, headaches, loss of appetite, ceaselessly burning sensations in the eyes, cutaneous lesions at the slightest of light bruising...which went on appearing for months, looking like small reddish nodules, harder than the skin around them and protuberant, painful when

touched, each with a small central orifice yielding a yellowish thin waterish discharge.' The skin surrounding the wounds presented 'a hyperchromatic violet-tinged area.' The military intelligence man interrogated Boas, and he was subjected to a battery of physical and psychological tests. The most conservative of UFOlogists accept his abduction as an actual occurrence."



While the actual abduction occurred on the 15th, his strange encounters began ten days earlier. A little after 11 PM on October 5, Boas spotted a bright white light in the sky as he opened the window to get some air. Later that night after sleeping for awhile Boas awoke and looked again to find the same light still there, moving toward him as he looked at it. Frightened, he slammed the shutters, waking his brother, who watched with some astonishment as the bright light played through the shutters awhile before leaving.

Boas lived on his family's farm. They had several fields and plantations, which they farmed at night to beat the heat in the daytime. On the 14th, around 9-10 PM, Boas again with his brother, were out tilling the fields, when they both witnessed an extremely bright light a little over three hundred feet above their heads. Boas, leaving his brother behind, set out to investigate. As he got closer it "suddenly darted away at tremendous speed to the opposite end of the field. He approached it again, and again it darted away, back to where it had started from. This maneuver was repeated 'no less than twenty times.' At last discouraged, Boas returned to his brother."

Boas said, "The light kept still for a few moments longer in the distance. Now and again it seemed to throw forth rays in all directions, the same as the setting sun,

sparkling. Then it suddenly disappeared, as if it had been turned off. I am not quite sure if this is what actually happened, for I cannot remember if I kept looking in the same direction all the time. Maybe for a few seconds I glanced elsewhere so it may have lifted up and disappeared before I had the time to look back again."

The next night he worked the fields alone, and when he was at the same spot he and his brother had witnessed the light the night before, he saw a reddish light in the sky which zoomed toward him at remarkable speed, "so quickly that it was on top of me before I could make up my mind what to do about it." About 160 feet above his head, it stopped suddenly. This light was so intense that he couldn't see his tractor's headlights through it at 1 AM. Boas said it looked like "a large elongated egg" with several technical features about it. Three legs extended from beneath it, and as it settled to land, Boas ran to his tractor in terror. When he reached it, the tractor and its lights died. Making his escape out the other side and running toward the house, his arm was grabbed by "a small figure (it only reached to my shoulder) in strange clothes, which he violently shoved away. Three more small figures surrounded him and lifted him off the ground by the arms.

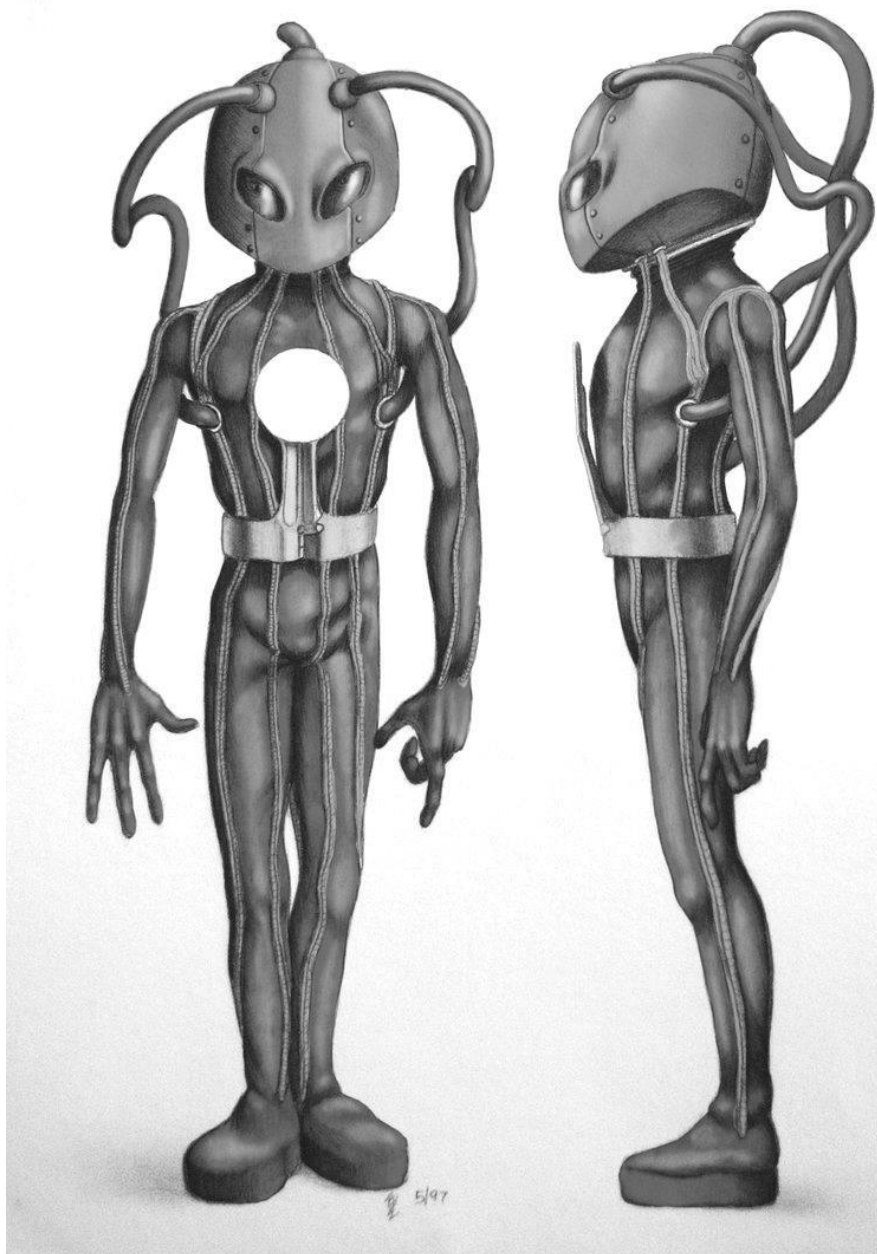


Inside the Craft: The Encounter

Boas described these creatures in great detail, "All...of them wore a very tight- fitting siren-suit, made of soft, thick, unevenly striped gray material. This garment reached right up to their necks where it was joined to a kind of helmet made of a

grey material that looked stiffer and was strengthened back at nose level. Their helmets hide everything except their eyes, which were protected by two round glasses, like the lenses in ordinary glasses. Through them, the men looked at me, and their eyes seemed to be much smaller than ours, though I believe that may have been the effect of the lenses. All of them had light-colored eyes that looked blue to me, but this I cannot vouch for. Above their eyes, those helmets looked so tall that they corresponded to what the double of the size of a normal head should be. Probably there was something else hidden under those helmets, placed on top of their heads, but nothing could be seen from the outside. Right on top, from the middle of their heads, there sprouted three round silvery metal tubes (I can't tell whether they were made of metal or of rubber) which were a little narrower than a common garden hose. The tubes, which were placed one in the middle and one on each side of their heads, were smooth and bent backward and downward, toward the back. There they fitted into their clothes; how I cannot say, but one went down the center, where the backbone is, and the other two, one on each side, fitted under the shoulders at about four inches from the armpits—nearly at the sides, where the back begins. I didn't notice anything at all, no hump or lump to show where the tubes were attached, nor any box or contrivance hidden under their clothes.

"Their sleeves were narrow and tight-fitting to the wrists where they were followed by thick five-fingered gloves of the same color, that must have somewhat hindered their movements. As to this, I noticed that the men weren't able to double their fingers altogether, so as to touch the palms of their hands with the tips of their fingers. The difficulty did not prevent them from catching and holding me firmly, nor from deftly (later) manipulating the rubber tubes for extracting my blood. Those overalls must have been a kind of uniform, for all the members of the crew wore a red badge the size of a pineapple slice on their chests, and sometimes it reflected a shiny light. Not a light of its own, but reflections such as those given by the rear lights of a car, when another car lights it up from behind. From this center badge there came a strip of silvery material (or it might have been flattened metal) which joined onto a broad tight-fitting clasplless belt, the color of which I can't remember. No pocket could be seen anywhere, and I don't remember seeing any buttons either. The trousers were also tight-fitting over the buttocks, thighs, and legs, as there was not a wrinkle nor a crease to be seen. There was no visible hem between the trousers



and shoes, which were actually a continuation of the former, being part of the self-same garment. The soles of their shoes, were different from ours: They were thick, about two or three inches thick, and a little turned up (or arched up) in front, so that the tips looked like those described in the fairy tales of old, though the general appearance was that of common tennis shoes. From what I saw later, they must have fitted loosely, for they were larger than the feet they covered. In spite of this the men's gait was free and easy, and their movements were swift indeed. Perhaps the closed siren-suit they wore did interfere slightly with their movements because they kept walking very stiffly. They were all about my height (1.64 meters tall, in shoes), perhaps a little shorter because of those helmets, except for one of them, the one who had caught hold of me out there—this one did not even reach my chin. All seemed strong but not so strong that had I fought

with one of them one at a time I should have been afraid of losing. I believe that in a free-for-all fight I could face any single one of them on an equal base."

It's interesting to note the similarities between Boas' descriptions of the creatures' clothing and that of fairies. "The 'unevenly striped' uniforms sound not unlike the sort parti-colored clothing design one might expect on an elf, or perhaps an evil jester," researcher Bruce Rux speculates, "even with bent 'hoses' sticking out of the head like tasseled bells on jesters' caps."

At this point, while resisting as best he could, Boas found himself being pulled up a flexible metallic rolling ladder into a hatchway, which closed behind them "so neatly that no seam was visible to the naked eye." Now he found himself inside a small square room, bare of furnishings, brightly lit—"the same as broad daylight"—by recessed square lights in the smooth metallic walls. Suddenly an opening appeared, from the seamless wall, and Boas was led into another room. "The only furnishings visible was an oddly shaped table that stood at one side of the room surrounded by several backless swivel chairs (something like bar stools). They were all made of the same white metal. The table as well as the stools were one-legged, narrowing toward the floor where they were either fixed (such as the table) to it or linked to a moveable ring held fast by three hinges jutting out on each side and riveted to that floor (such as the stools, so that those sitting on them could turn in every direction)."

His abductors then grabbed and held him in place while communicating in sounds that had "no resemblance whatever to human speech...I can think of no attempt to describe those sounds, so different were they from anything I have ever heard before...Those sounds still make me shiver when I think of them! It isn't even possible for me to reproduce them...my vocal organs are not made for it." He compares the sounds to animal grunts, "some...longer, others shorter, sometimes containing several different sounds at the same time, at other times ending in a tremor."

Curiously, these creatures then began undressing him, despite his constant opposition. "They obviously couldn't understand me, but they stopped and stared at me as if trying to make me understand that they were being polite. Besides, though they had to employ force, they never at any time hurt me badly, and they did not even tear my clothes, with the exception of my shirt perhaps." Stripped naked, they rubbed him all over with a thick clear odorless liquid, and then was prompted in another room with red inscriptions over the door, "like scribbles of a kind entirely unknown to us", he would recount. "Soon two of the figures joined him, carrying apparatuses with which they took some blood from his chin, leaving small scars that were later noticed by the doctors at the hospital but that caused him no pain and only minimal discomfort."



The Succubus

Boas says he was left alone for about an hour and made himself comfortable on a large, featureless foam rubber-like gray bed or couch in the middle of the room, with no legs. From holes in the wall from about the height of his head came tufts of gray smoke that quickly dissolved. At first, Boas felt nauseated and as though he was being suffocated. Then he rushed to one corner of the room, vomited, and after that his breathing was easier. A little while later a door opened and in walked a naked woman !

Ralph Blum: "*Villas Boas speculated that the clear liquid was an aphrodisiac; to my mind the 'logic' of the story suggests that it was a germicide of some kind; and that the 'smoke' was a chemical that permitted the alien to breathe without her helmet (the rest of the crew wore helmets throughout the encounter). It could be that the blood was relevant to some criteria of interbreeding.*"

"She came in slowly, unhurriedly, perhaps a little amused at the amazement she saw written on my face. I starred, open-mouthed ... she was beautiful, though of a different type of beauty compared with that of the women I have known. Her hair was blonde, nearly white (like hair dyed in peroxide)—it was smooth, not very thick, with a part in the center and she had big blue eyes, rather longer than round, for they slanted outward, like those pencil-drawn girls made to look like Arabian princesses, that look as if they were slit ... except that they were natural; there was no makeup. Her nose was straight, not pointed, not turned-up, nor too big. The contour of her face was different, though, because she had very high,

prominent cheekbones that made her face narrowed to a peak, so that all of a sudden it ended in a pointed chin, which gave the lower part of her face a very pointed look. Her lips were very thin, nearly invisible in fact. Her ears, which I only saw later, were small and did not seem different from ordinary ears. Her high cheekbones gave one the impression that there was a broken bone somewhere underneath, but as I discovered later, they were soft and fleshy to the touch, so they did not seem to be made of bone. Her body was much more beautiful than any I had ever seen before. It was slim, and her breasts stood up high and well-separated. Her waistline was thin, her belly flat, her hips well-developed, and her thighs were large. Her feet were small, her hands long and narrow. Her fingers and nails were normal. She was much shorter than I am, her head only reached my shoulder ... Her skin was white (as that of our fair woman here) and she was full of freckles on her arms. I didn't notice any perfume ... except for a natural female odor ... And another thing I noticed was the hair in her armpits was bright red, nearly the color of blood." Bruce Rux points out that "a later recounting of Boas's story included the mention that her pubic hair was also bright red, which may have been omitted from the original publication of Boas' encounter due to the sexual mores of the time. Details of his encounter which followed were not published either, but apparently he did discuss them—albeit with some embarrassment—when relating his story to Dr. Fontes and Mr. Martins."

Boas recounts that the woman came toward him "in silence looking at me all the while as if she wanted something from me." Pressing herself to him, he understood what her purpose was. "I began to get excited ... I ended up forgetting everything and held the woman close to me, corresponding to her favors with greater ones of my own." Apparently, they had two sexual encounters and performed a variety of acts together for about an hour, after which the woman pulled away to leave. "[A]ll they wanted [was] a good stallion to improve their stock," Boas would say. He said that he enjoyed the encounter, even if the woman refused to kiss. Bruce Rux remarked that after all, he had just thrown up. Instead the "woman" preferred to bite his chin, while making sounds, that in Boas' mind, sounded like "animal growls." She never spoke. When they were finished, one of the other creatures entered and called out to the woman. "But before leaving, she pointed to her belly, and smilingly (as well as she could smile) pointed to the sky—southward, I should say. Then she went away. I interpreted the signs as meaning to say that she intended to return and take me with her to wherever it was she lived." He seemed to be concerned, or even afraid about the last, "for he took the meaning quite seriously and wasn't sure if he was anxious to leave his familiar surroundings or his family," Rux writes.



After fetching the woman, the creature returned Boas' clothes. He was led back to the room with the stools and table, where the crew sat and communicated with each other in their strange way, ignoring him. He felt altogether calm, "for I knew no harm would come to me." Now he had a chance to take stock of his surroundings, and he tried to remember all he could. He noticed that the walls were smooth, metal and hard, with no windows anywhere. Noticing a box with a glass top that had the appearance of an "alarm clock," he attempted to conceal it. Noticing this, one of the crew seized it instantly and shoved him back. Jacques Vallee said that Boas described the clock as having one hand and several marks that would correspond to the 3, 6, 9, and 12 of an ordinary clock. However, although time passed, the hand did not move, and Antonio concluded that it was no clock.

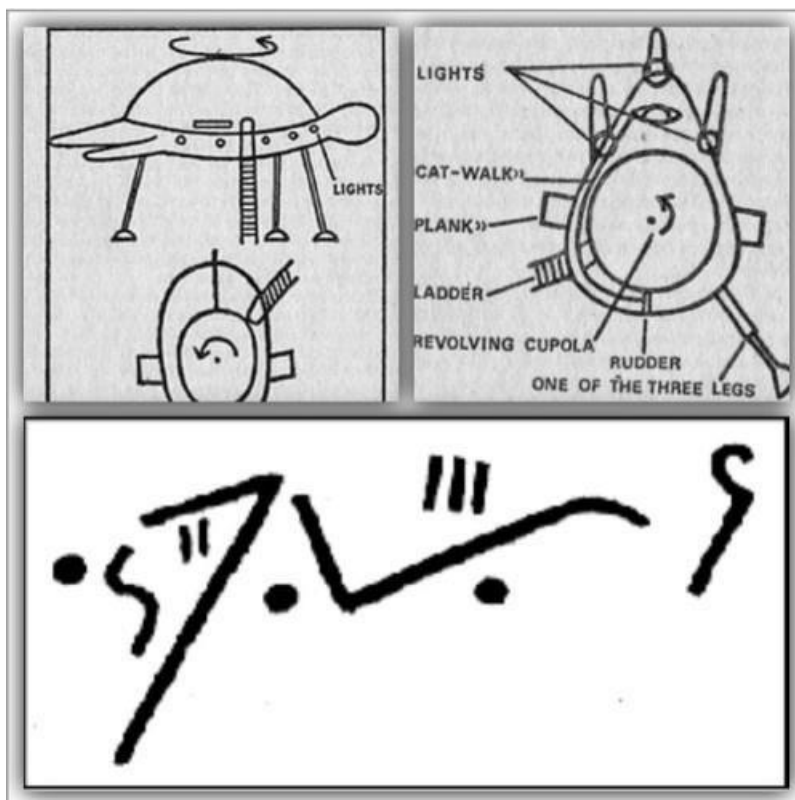
"The symbolism in this remark by Villas-Boas is clear", Vallee injects. "We are reminded of the fairy tales ... of the country where time does not pass, and of that great poet who had in his room a huge white clock without hands, bearing the word 'It is later than you think.'"

The creatures continued to lead him through the ship, pointing out various interesting features which Boas described at length with a remarkable amount of detail. Boas stressed that there was no doubt in his mind whatsoever that he was aboard a metal craft. The tour finally over, one of the figures gestured him down the ladder, then pointed to itself, to the ground, "and then in a southerly direction in the sky," the same direction the woman had pointed. Boas was signaled to step back, and the ladder retracted, the ship rose, the tripod landing struts retracted—once again, so smoothly that once in place no sign of the opening through which they had emerged was visible—and stopped a little over a hundred feet above his

head, "[growing] increasingly brighter. The buzz formed by the dislocation of air grew louder, and the revolving saucer began to rotate at a terrific speed, while the light turned to many shades of color, finally settling on a bright red. As this happened the machine abruptly changed direction by turning unexpectedly and producing a larger noise, a kind of 'shock' ... When this was over, the strange airship darted suddenly like a bullet southward, holding itself slightly askew, at such a heady speed that it disappeared from sight in a few seconds."

It was about 5:30 in the morning when Boas returned to his tractor, by his reckoning four and a quarter hours from the time he had been picked up. He discovered the tractor had been sabotaged, presumably during the scuffle, meaning that his abductors were smart enough to know he would try escaping and that they had knowledge of how a tractor works: the battery wires had been detached. For about three months after his encounter, Boas suffered various mild medical ailments such as those described above, and excessive sleepiness, a trait commonly found in subsequent abduction cases.

Antonio Villas withdrew from public life to continue his studies, receiving a lawdegree and becoming a practising attorney in the city of Formosa, Gojas. He died in 1992 in the city of Ubera, in Brazil's Triangulo Minero.



The Aliens that Waved Back



Picture of Rev. William Booth Gill from a TV interview

On the evening of June 26, 1959, an Anglican missionary named Rev. William Booth Gill was walking out of his house in Boainai, Papua New Guinea when he noticed a bright sparkling object in the sky. For the next four hours, Rev. Gill took notes and watched the light with more than 30 other witnesses. When it disappeared after 45 minutes, it came back with three smaller objects an hour later. This “mothership” flashed a blue light from the center of its deck, and the object was so close that Rev. Gill and the other observers could see four figures on top of it. By 11 PM, the ships had vanished, and a heavy rain began to fall from the sky.

The next night, Rev. Gill and some other missionaries saw the mothership near the same location of the first sighting, along with two other smaller UFOs. The four figures on top were again visible, and when Rev. Gill waved to one of the them, the figure waved back. Ananias Rarata, a native schoolteacher, began to wave too, and all four of the figures waved back for the next couple of minutes until they decided to go below deck. After a half hour, Rev. Gill left to go to dinner, and the other observers left to go to church. Nobody saw the UFOs for

the rest of the evening, although there was an inexplicable explosion sound heard around 10:40 PM.



Rev. Gill's sightings caused a lot of excitement in Australia. The Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society thought Rev. Gill's detailed reports were final proof that UFOs existed. The members of Australia's federal parliament all received copies of Rev. Gill's report, and the government launched an investigation to determine what exactly Rev. Gill had seen.

The official conclusion was that Rev. Gill was a "reliable observer", but that the incidents were probably nothing more than "natural phenomenon coloured by past events and subconscious influences of UFO enthusiasts." Doubters thought that the objects were Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars, and the "human shapes" were explained as "various cloud densities".

Others thought Rev. Gill had made the story up entirely. Dr. Donald H. Menzel, a Harvard astronomer and notable UFO debunker, accused Gill of manipulating the testimony the "uneducated" natives had given. He also thought Rev. Gill wasn't wearing his glasses at the time, and claimed that the position of Venus was left unmentioned in Gill's reports. J. Allen Hynek, another astronomer and the head of the Center for UFO Studies, rebuked Menzel, and noted that Rev. Gill

was wearing his glasses at the time and had, in fact, identified Venus in his reports.



Before his sightings, Rev. Gill initially considered himself a skeptic. There had been sightings of strange lights across Papua New Guinea since the past year, some of which had been reported by missionaries. In a letter written the day before his first sighting (but never seen sent), Rev. Gill told his friend Rev. David Durie that he believed UFOs were “more likely some form of electric phenomena- or something brought about by the atom bomb explosions etc.”

After a lifetime of teaching and traveling, Rev. Gill passed away at the age of 79 on June 13, 2007.

UFO and six aliens appeared in Alor Island, Indonesia

The UFO incident with aliens reported in Alor Islands, in July 1959. Alor islands is located in northern of Nusa Tenggara Timur province in Indonesia. A retired policeman, Alwi Alnadad said that he handled a case of some strange beings that came there which shocked the inhabitants. In that time, Alwi Alnadad was head of police office of Alor Islands area (The Alor islands consist of two big islands, Alor and Pantar island. The incident was firstly reported in Alor Island). Firstly, he didn't believe for the incident reported by some inhabitants. He even thought that the story was non sense. But, the incident then were blew up sensationally for weeks.

It was reported that some strange beings appeared in the east side of Alor Island. Their height is about 1,80 metres and their skin are reddish. Their eyes looked like human eyes and their hair are white-wavy. They wore dark blue clothes and pants with long arm and high collar, belt with a grey cylinder stick, and black military boot. Their appearing were seem to be too strange for the inhabitants. The inhabitants said that the strangers were suspicious and looked like searched for something.



The inhabitants then surrounded them and shoot with arrows. Strangely, the arrows couldn't injury them. The strangers then jumped high away out of the surrounding. They disappeared and could not be traced.

Some days later, a report said that some strange beings with dark blue clothes appeared in a village in southern Alor Island. There were six people which had same characteristics with what reported days before. Some of them have beard. Another report were came from Pantar Island (west Alor Island). Some inhabitants said that the strange beings searched for something unclear.

Next days later, a village in east of Kalabahi city was stired with story that a villagerwas kidnapped by some people with dark blue clothes. The villager just went down from a sugar palm (enau) tree and he saw some beings surrounded him. He tried to run, but these strange people then pointed frontward their cylindric stickto him. Soon he became paralyzed. He heard they spoke to each other that he could not understand the language. One of them showed him a circle thing like alarm clock. He was asked to watch the thing that he could see anything far away from it. He thinked it didn't make sense because there are jungle and high hills stretched in front of him. He then realized that the strangers want to made him as a guide. Not for so long he then be released. In the next day, a six-year-old kid was kidnapped by the strangers. Some inhabitants found him in the field frightened and confused.

The location of the villages which the stories reported were distantly apart and theinhabitants didn't recognize each other. But the report seemed to be the same.The police then took the case seriously, even it was blew up by some people. The case is described as disturbed the people of the villages. Then, some policemen commanded by Alwi Alnadad were run and ready to arrest them dead or alive!

The place where a kid was kidnapped were surrounded by the police in every angle. It because the reports said that the strangers appeared from there. In the midnight (around 00.00 am), some sound of fire explosion broke the silence. The strangers who were waited appeared. The strangers were in 13 metres away from the policemen. The policemen then shootd them unisonly. But strangely, no blood found in the place where the strangers stood, even dead body. The shoots were very close and came from every angle that somebody should injured or even dead. The police only found some trees fell down and footprints that only five metres in the distance and then ended. They have no idea how come the strangers disappear.

After the incident, there are many inhabitants saw a white-glowing oval flying object flew above the sea with high speed. It flew over the beach from west to the east side. After that, the story was slowly forgotten and still not be exposed yet.

Summary/Description: *This incident was happened in July 1959, in Alor Islands area which located at northern of East Nusa Tenggara province in Indonesia. Alwi Alnadad, a retired policeman told the story. He was the head of police office in Alor islands area when it happened. He said there were six aliens who came to the area. They have long arms, wavy silver-color-hair, and some of them have beard. They wore blue clothes with high collar, belt with some gray cylindric stick and shoes that look like black military boot. Some inhabitants said that they searched for something. A report said that a six-year-old kid was kidnapped and be returned in confuse in some field area.*

From a distance, the villagers could see the strange men in strange suits walking around the remote side of the island. The villagers stared in terrorizing disbelief as the humanoid beings approached them. They reported them as humanoid-looking with a reddish skin tone and long silvery-white hair. The beings wore a skin-tight suit that was dark blue with a high collar. Around their waist were small metallic cylinders. That's when one of them jumped over the crowd of bewildered onlookers, disappearing from sight. On July 1959, the strange visitors arrived on the Indonesian Islands of Alor and Pantar. What follows is the surviving account as told by a regional police chief.

An unexpected meeting & abduction

They were human looking, but somehow the villagers knew that what they stumbled upon wasn't from this world. Confused and frightened, the villagers took the opportunity to surround one of the beings and attacked it with arrows and spears. Unharmed by their weapons, the being was reported to have leapt over the surrounding crowd of villagers and disappear without a trace. Completely unfazed by the attack. It was reported that on the eastern part of the Island Alor, villagers also encountered the beings.

Just outside the capital, a villager in the area known as Kalabahi reported a very strange encounter with one of the creatures. The villager was in a remote area when he found himself surrounded by the strange uniformed men. They were all talking in a language that was unfamiliar to the terrified villager. According to the witness, that's when one of the beings paralyzed him with a metallic cylinder that was attached to his waist.

While immobilized they approached him. That's when one of the beings then produced a "clock-like gadget" that he described as an amazing piece of technology unlike anything he had ever seen before. The gadget then produced a hologram or image of a remote and far away place. According to the villager, he could see strange mountains, forests, and towering hills on the image.

Near the area a six year-old child had gone missing for a complete day. As word of the visitors got around, the child's family and neighbors searched the surrounding forest and areas in sheer panic. After 24 hours missing they found the child in a remote field. He was in a state of shock and confusion. He later told of how he had been taken by strange blue-uniformed men into the woods. There, they did some medical examinations of the boy. The child stated that the being offered him "any kind of food he wanted."

Island hopping

Hundreds of miles to the west sits the neighboring island of Pantar. It was there that after sunset the men in blue arrived. Just as they had done in Alor, the visitors began terrorizing the villagers of Pantar.

The villagers reported six humanoid men in strange costumes prowling through their homes, seemingly looking for something in particular. They went as far as opening doors and windows and looking inside the frightened people's homes.

shots fired

As the reports started to come in, Regional Police Chief, Alwi Alnadad, took a group of his armed men and set off east of Kalabahi to investigate what the villagers claimed as attacks by strange, foreign men. The policemen were armed with guns although they had no idea what it was that they were looking for.

According to accounts, the visitors appeared in the dead of night while police waited for an ambush. Alnadad and his men fired a few shots when they saw the beings appear only a few meters away from them. The bullets apparently missed their targets as no blood or bodies were left after the shots rang out. In fact, the visitors had vanished all together leaving behind the bullet-ridden trees and fear in the community.

After the encounter with local police, the men in blue disappeared. It was reported that the villagers from both islands then saw a bright egg-shaped object flying across the Indian ocean, as if taking a final farewell flight.

To this day the strange humanoid visitors never returned to the islands.



“I am convinced that we must study the UFO problem seriously for reasons of sociology, technology, and security.” — Raden Jacob Salatun.

Pancake From The Stars

On April 18, 1961, at 11 a.m., Joe Simonton, a sixty-year-old chicken farmer of Eagle River, Wisconsin, allegedly witnessed the landing of a UFO in his yard. This is probably one of the most controversial cases we have ever investigated, and in the diverse spectrum of United States saucer groups it has aroused considerable suspicion, controversy, charges and countercharges, so that the truth seems almost indiscernible.



Joe Simonton

The original story is basically this. At 11 A.M. that morning, Simonton was startled by a strange loud noise outside and above his farmhouse. He stepped to the window and was surprised to see a silvery object coming down vertically in his yard. He approached the object (with no fear), whereupon a hatch in the upper portion opened and he saw three dark-skinned men inside. One of them handed him a silvery jug with two handles, made a motion like drinking, apparently indicating that he wanted water. Simonton took the jug, filled it and handed it back. Looking into the object, he saw a man "cooking" on some kind of flameless

cooking appliance. There were several small, perforated, cookie-like objects beside the griddle and Simonton motioned that he wanted one, whereupon one of the men handed four of them to him. Then the object took off at a 45° angle and was gone in just a few seconds. As it left, pine trees near the takeoff path bowed over, apparently as a result of air turbulence as the object went over.

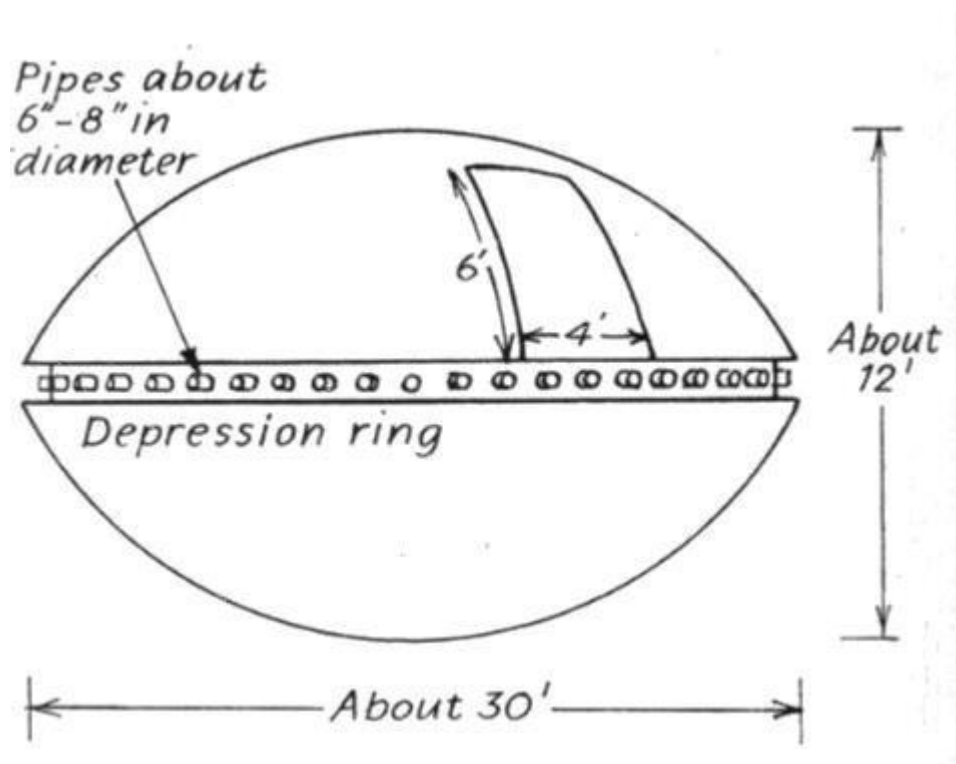


Although APRO had good representation in Wisconsin, we weren't fast enough to obtain one" of the controversial "cookies," Joe Simonton, who had eaten one, said tasted like cardboard. A UFO research group obtained one, as did Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's consulting astrophysicist.

After several days of much exploitation of the incident by news media, the UFO group announced that the affair had had too much publicity, and they did not intend to analyze the "cookie." On May 3 Simonton told United Press International that if "it happened again, I don't think I'd tell anybody about it." The same wire story quoted the UFO group statement which said that organization planned no further action and had more important things to investigate.

The most recent word on this affair comes from an APRO member in Minnesota who claims that one analysis with which he is familiar yielded the information that the cookie was made of corn and wheat flour as well as other well-known familiar ingredients, but that the exact origin of the certain type of wheat was not known. This is another case somewhat similar (where the occupants are concerned) to others, including the Playa del Rey Kehoe encounter.

The "men" involved were small, about 5 feet tall, had dark hair and skin, wore dark blue knit outfits with turtleneck tops, and knit helmets similar to those worn under headpieces. They had no beards or were clean-shaven. The whole episode lasted about five minutes and Simonton observed a few details of the inside of the craft. It was dull black, instrument panels included, he said, somewhat like wrought iron. One of the occupants appeared to be cooking, and stacked beside the appliance on which he "cooked" were some of the cookies. One man took care of getting the water, and the other stayed at the instrument board. The two who were cooking and watching the instruments did not look around. Just after Simonton obtained the cookies, the man hooked a line or belt into a hook in his clothing near the waist, the hatch closed and the object rose to 20 feet above the ground, then took off straight south.



The object itself appeared "like two washbowls turned face to face." The sound Simonton heard before coming out of his house was like "knobby tires on a wet pavement." The craft hovered a short distance (probably only a few inches) off the ground, all during the episode. The hatch was about 30 inches wide and about 6 feet high. All this, Simonton admitted, was guesswork.

The Hill's Abduction - Interrupted Journey



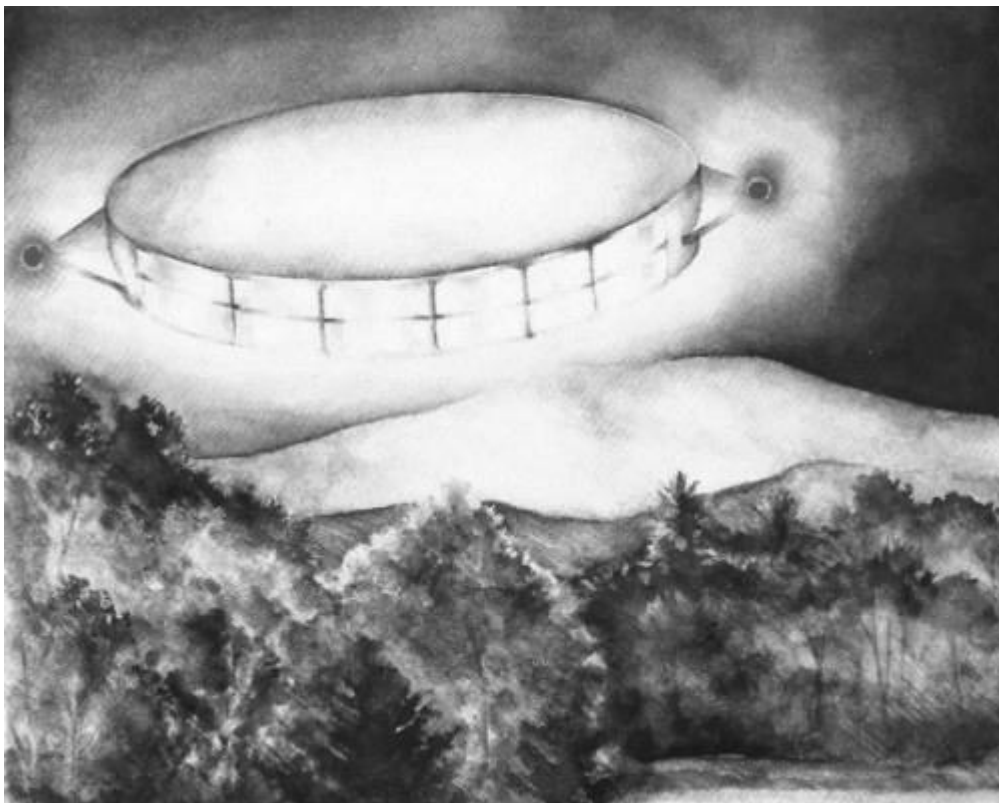
The Hills lived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Barney (1922–1969) was employed by the United States Postal Service, while Betty (1919–2004) was a social worker. Active in the local Unitarian congregation, the Hills were also members of the NAACP and community leaders, and Barney sat on a local board of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. They were an interracial couple at a time when it was particularly uncommon in the United States; Barney was African American and Betty was white.

According to a variety of reports given by the Hills, the alleged UFO sighting happened on September 19, 1961, around 10:30 p.m. The Hills were driving back to Portsmouth from a vacation in Niagara Falls and Montreal. Just south of Lancaster, New Hampshire, Betty claimed to have observed a bright point of light in the sky that moved from below the Moon and the planet Jupiter, upward to the west of the Moon. While Barney navigated U.S. Route 3, Betty reasoned that she was observing a falling star, only it moved upward. Since it moved erratically and

grew bigger and brighter, Betty urged Barney to stop the car for a closer look, as well as to walk their dog, Delsey. Barney stopped at a scenic picnic area just south of Twin Mountain.

Betty, looking through binoculars, observed an "odd-shaped" craft flashing multi-colored lights travel across the face of the Moon. Because her sister had confided to her about having a flying saucer sighting several years earlier, Betty thought it might be what she was observing. Through binoculars Barney observed what he reasoned was a commercial airliner traveling toward Vermont on its way to Montreal. However, he soon changed his mind, because without looking as if it had turned, the craft rapidly descended in his direction. This observation caused Barney to realize, "this object that was a plane was *not* a plane." He quickly returned to the car and drove toward Franconia Notch, a narrow, mountainous stretch of the road.

The Hills claimed that they continued driving on the isolated road, moving very slowly through Franconia Notch in order to observe the object as it came even closer. At one point, the object passed above a restaurant and signal tower on top of Cannon Mountain and came out near the Old Man of the Mountain. Betty testified that it was at least one and a half times the length of the granite cliff profile, which was 40 feet (12 m) long, and that it seemed to be rotating. The couple watched as the silent, illuminated craft moved erratically and bounced back and forth in the night sky.



Approximately one mile south of Indian Head, they said, the object rapidly descended toward their vehicle, causing Barney to stop in the middle of the highway. The huge, silent craft hovered approximately 80–100 feet (24–30 m) above the Hills' 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air and filled the entire field of view in the windshield. It reminded Barney of a huge pancake. Carrying his pistol in his pocket, he stepped away from the vehicle and moved closer to the object. Using the binoculars, Barney claimed to have seen about 8 to 11 humanoid figures who were peering out of the craft's windows, seeming to look at him. In unison, all but one figure moved to what appeared to be a panel on the rear wall of the hallway that encircled the front portion of the craft. The one remaining figure continued to look at Barney and communicated a message telling him to "stay where you are and keep looking." Barney had a recollection of observing the humanoid forms wearing glossy black uniforms and black caps. Red lights on what appeared to be bat-wing fins began to telescope out of the sides of the craft, and a long structure descended from the bottom of the craft. The silent craft approached to what Barney estimated was within 50–80 feet (15–24 m) overhead and 300 feet (91 m) away from him. On October 21, 1961, Barney reported to National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) investigator Walter Webb that the "beings were somehow not human".



Barney "tore" the binoculars away from his eyes and ran back to his car. In a near hysterical state, he told Betty, "They're going to capture us!" He saw the object again shift its location to directly above the vehicle. He drove away at high speed, telling Betty to look for the object. She rolled down the window and looked up. Almost immediately, the Hills heard a rhythmic series of beeping or buzzing sounds which they said seemed to bounce off the trunk of their vehicle. The car vibrated and a tingling sensation passed through the Hills' bodies. The Hills said that at this point in time they experienced the onset of an altered state of consciousness that left their minds dulled. A second series of beeping or buzzing sounds returned the couple to full consciousness. They found that they had traveled nearly 35 miles (56 km) south, but had only vague, spotty memories of this section of road. They recalled making a sudden, unplanned turn, encountering a roadblock, and observing a fiery orb in the road.

Arriving home at about dawn, the Hills assert that they had some odd sensations and impulses they could not readily explain: Betty insisted their luggage be kept near the back door rather than in the main part of the house. Their watches would never run again. Barney said that the leather strap for the binoculars was torn, though he could not recall it tearing. The toes of his best dress shoes were scraped. Barney says he was compelled to examine his genitals in the bathroom, though he found nothing unusual. They took long showers to remove possible contamination and each drew a picture of what they had observed.

Perplexed, the Hills say they tried to reconstruct the chronology of events as they witnessed the UFO and drove home. But immediately after they heard the buzzing sounds, their memories became incomplete and fragmented. After sleeping for a few hours, Betty awoke and placed the shoes and clothing she had worn during the drive into her closet, observing that the dress was torn at the hem, zipper and lining. Later, when she retrieved the items from

her closet, she noted a pinkish powder on her dress. She hung the dress on her clothesline and the pink powder blew away. But the dress was irreparably damaged. She threw it away, but then changed her mind, retrieving the dress and hanging it in her closet. Over the years, five laboratories have conducted chemical and forensic analyses on the dress.

There were shiny, concentric circles on their car's trunk that had not been there the previous day. Betty and Barney experimented with a compass, noting that when they moved it close to the spots, the needle would whirl rapidly. But when they moved it a few inches away from the shiny spots, it would drop down.

On September 21, Betty telephoned Pease Air Force Base to report their UFO encounter, though for fear of being labeled eccentric, she withheld some of the details. On September 22, Major Paul W. Henderson telephoned the Hills for a

more detailed interview. Henderson's report, dated September 26, determined that the Hills had probably misidentified the planet Jupiter. (This was later changed to "optical condition", "inversion" and "insufficient data.") (Report 100-1-61, Air Intelligence Information Record) His report was forwarded to Project Blue Book, the U.S. Air Force's UFO research project.

Within days of the encounter, Betty borrowed a UFO book from a local library. It had been written by retired Marine Corps Major Donald E. Keyhoe, who was also the head of NICAP, a civilian UFO research group. On September 26, Betty wrote to Keyhoe. She related the full story, including the details about the humanoid figures that Barney had observed through binoculars. Betty wrote that she and Barney were considering hypnosis to help recall what had happened. Her letter was eventually passed on to Walter N. Webb, a Boston astronomer and NICAP member.

Webb met with the Hills on October 21, 1961. In a six-hour interview, the Hills related all they could remember of the UFO encounter. Barney asserted that he had developed a sort of "mental block" and that he suspected there were some portions of the event that he did not wish to remember. He described in detail all that he could remember about the craft and the appearance of the "somehow not human" figures aboard the craft. Webb stated that "they were telling the truth and the incident probably occurred exactly as reported except for some minor uncertainties and technicalities that must be tolerated in any such observations where human judgment is involved (e.g., exact time and length of visibility, apparent sizes of object and occupants, distance and height of object, etc.)

Ten days after the alleged UFO encounter, Betty began having a series of vivid dreams. They continued for five successive nights. Never in her memory had she recalled dreams in such detail and intensity. But they stopped abruptly after five nights and never returned again. They occupied her thoughts during the day. When she finally did mention them to Barney, he was sympathetic, but not too concerned, and the matter was dropped. Betty did not mention them to Barney again.

In November 1961, Betty began writing down the details of her dreams. In one dream, she and Barney encountered a roadblock and men who surrounded their car. She lost consciousness, but struggled to regain it. She then realized that she was being forced by two small men to walk in a forest in the nighttime, and of seeing Barney walking behind her, though when she called to him, he seemed to be in a trance or sleepwalking. The men stood about five feet to five feet four inches tall, and wore matching blue uniforms, with caps similar to those worn by military cadets. They appeared nearly human, with black hair, dark eyes, prominent noses and bluish lips. Their skin was a greyish colour.

In the dreams, Betty, Barney, and the men walked up a ramp into a disc-shaped craft of metallic appearance. Once inside, Barney and Betty were separated. She protested, and was told by a man she called "the leader" that if she and Barney were examined together, it would take much longer to conduct the exams. She and Barney were then taken to separate rooms.

Betty then dreamt that a new man, similar to the others, entered to conduct her exam with the leader. Betty called this new man "the examiner" and said he had a pleasant, calm manner. Though the leader and the examiner spoke to her in English, the examiner's command of the language seemed imperfect and she had difficulty understanding him.

The examiner told Betty that he would conduct a few tests to note the differences between humans and the craft's occupants. He seated her on a chair, and a bright light was shone on her. The man cut off a lock of Betty's hair. He examined her eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, throat and hands. He saved trimmings from her fingernails. After examining her legs and feet, the man then used a dull knife, similar to a letter opener, to scrape some of her skin onto what resembled cellophane. He then tested her nervous system and he thrust the needle into her navel, which caused Betty agonizing pain, whereupon the leader waved his hand in front of her eyes and the pain vanished.

The examiner left the room and Betty engaged in conversation with the "leader". She picked up a book with rows of strange symbols that the "leader" said she could take home with her. She also asked from where he came, and he pulled down an instructional map dotted with stars.

In Betty's dream account, the men began escorting the Hills from the ship when a disagreement broke out. The leader then informed Betty that she couldn't keep the book, stating that they had decided that the other men did not want her to even remember the encounter. Betty insisted that no matter what they did to her memory, she would one day recall the events.

She and Barney were taken to their car, where the leader suggested that they wait to watch the craft's departure. They did so, then resumed their drive.

On November 25, 1961, the Hills were again interviewed at length by NICAP members, this time C. D. Jackson and Robert E. Hohmann.

Although the Hills had noted that they had arrived home later than anticipated, the drive should have taken about four hours (178 miles). They claimed not to have realized that they arrived home seven hours after their departure from Colebrook. When Hohman and Jackson noted this discrepancy to the Hills, the couple had no explanation (a phenomenon ufologists call "missing time"). The

Hills claimed to recall almost nothing of the 35 miles between Lincoln/Indian Head and Ashland. Both claimed to recall an image of a fiery orb sitting on the ground. Betty and Barney reasoned that it must have been the Moon, but Hohmann and Jackson informed them that the Moon had set earlier in the evening.

The subject of hypnosis came up, and it was decided that it should be carried out in order to elicit previously irretrievable memories. Barney was apprehensive about hypnosis, but thought it might help Betty put to rest what Barney described as "the 'nonsense' about her dreams."

By February 1962, the Hills were making frequent weekend drives to the White Mountains, hoping that revisiting the site might spark more memories. They were unsuccessful in trying to locate the site where they observed a fiery orb sitting in the road. However, they were able to eliminate several possible routes. (They found what they claimed was the "capture" site on Labor Day weekend in 1965.)

On November 23, 1962, the Hills attended a meeting at the parsonage of their church where the invited guest speaker was Captain Ben H. Swett of the United States Air Force, who had recently published a book of his poetry. After he read selections of his poetry, the pastor asked him to discuss his personal interest in hypnosis. After the meeting broke up, the Hills approached Captain Swett privately and told him what they could remember of their strange encounter. He was particularly interested in the "missing time" of the Hills' account. The Hills asked Swett if he would hypnotize them to recover their memories, but Swett said he was not qualified to do that and cautioned them against going to an amateur hypnotist, such as himself.

On March 3, 1963, the Hills first publicly discussed the UFO encounter with a group at their church.

On September 7, 1963, Captain Swett gave a formal lecture on hypnosis to a meeting at the Unitarian Church. After the lecture, the Hills told him that Barney was going to a psychiatrist, a Mr. Stephens, whom he liked and trusted. Captain Swett suggested that Barney ask Stephens about the use of hypnosis in his case.

When Barney next met with Stephens, he asked about hypnosis. Stephens referred the Hills to Benjamin Simon of Boston.

On November 3, 1963, the Hills spoke before an amateur UFO study group, the Two State UFO Study Group, in Quincy Center, Massachusetts.

The Hills first met Simon on December 14, 1963. Early in their discussions, Simon determined that the UFO encounter was causing Barney far more worry

and anxiety than he was willing to admit. Though Simon dismissed the popular extraterrestrial hypothesis as impossible, it seemed obvious to him that the Hills genuinely thought they had witnessed a UFO with human-like occupants. Simon hoped to uncover more about the experience through hypnosis.

Simon began hypnotizing the Hills on January 4, 1964. He hypnotized Betty and Barney several times each, and the sessions lasted until June 6, 1964. Simon conducted the sessions on Barney and Betty separately, so they could not overhear one another's recollections. At the end of each session he reinstated amnesia.

Barney's sessions

Simon hypnotized Barney first. His recall of witnessing non-human figures was quite emotional, punctuated with expressions of fear, emotional outbursts and incredulity. Barney said that, due to his fear, he kept his eyes closed for much of the abduction and physical examination. Based on these early responses, Simon told Barney that he would not remember the hypnosis sessions until he was certain he could remember them without being further traumatized.

Under hypnosis (as was consistent with his conscious recall), Barney reported that the binocular strap had broken when he ran from the UFO back to his car. He recalled driving the car away from the UFO, but that afterwards he felt irresistibly compelled to pull off the road, and drive into the woods. He eventually sighted six men standing in the dirt road. The car stalled and three of the men approached the car. They told Barney to not fear them. He was still anxious, however, and he reported that the leader told Barney to close his eyes. While hypnotized, Barney said, "I felt like the eyes had pushed into my eyes."

Barney described the beings as generally similar to Betty's hypnotic (not dream) recollection. The beings often stared into his eyes, said Barney, with a terrifying, mesmerizing effect. Under hypnosis, Barney said things like, "Oh, those eyes. They're there in my brain" (from his first hypnosis session) and "I was told to close my eyes because I saw two eyes coming close to mine, and I felt like the eyes had pushed into my eyes" (from his second hypnosis session) and "All I see are these eyes... I'm not even afraid that they're not connected to a body. They're just there. They're just up close to me, pressing against my eyes."

Barney related that he and Betty were taken onto the disc-shaped craft, where they were separated. He was escorted to a room by three of the men and told to lie on a small rectangular exam table. Unlike Betty, Barney's narrative of the exam was less detailed, as he continued to keep his eyes closed for most of the exam. A cup-like device was placed over his genitals. He did not experience an orgasm though Barney thought that a sperm sample had been taken. The men

scraped his skin, and peered in his ears and mouth. A thin tube or cylinder was inserted into his anus and quickly removed. Someone felt his spine, and seemed to be counting his vertebrae.

Betty reported a conversation with the "leader" that she understood in English. Barney said that he heard them speaking in a mumbling language he did not understand, yet he also understood them in English. Betty also mentioned this detail. The few times they communicated with him, Barney said it seemed to be "thought transference"; at that time, he was unfamiliar with the word "telepathy". Both Betty and Barney stated that they hadn't observed the beings' mouths moving when they communicated in English with them.

He recalled being escorted from the ship and taken to his car. In a daze, he watched the ship leave. Barney remembered a light appearing on the road, and he said, "Oh no, not again." He recalled Betty's speculation that the light might have been the moon, though the moon had in fact set several hours earlier. He also stated that he attempted to produce the code-like buzzing sounds which seemed to strike the car's trunk a second time by driving from side to side and stopping and starting the vehicle. His attempt was unsuccessful.

Betty's sessions

Under hypnosis, Betty's account was very similar to the events of her five dreams about the UFO abduction, but there were also notable differences. Details pertaining to her capture and release were different. The technology on the craft was different. The short men had a significantly different physical appearance than the ones in her dreams. The sequential order of the abduction event was also different from Betty's dream account. Barney's and Betty's memories in hypnotic regression were consistent with one another but contradicted some of the information in Betty's dreams.

Betty exhibited considerable emotional distress during her capture and examination. Simon ended one session early because tears were flowing down her cheeks and she appeared distressed.



Simon gave Betty the post-hypnotic suggestion that she could sketch a copy of the "star map" that she later described as a three-dimensional projection similar to a hologram. Eventually, she did what Simon suggested. Although she said the map had many stars, she drew only those that stood out in her memory. Her map consisted of twelve prominent stars connected by lines and three lesser ones that formed a distinctive triangle (see below). She said she was told the stars connected by solid lines formed "trade routes", whereas dashed lines were to less-traveled stars.

Simon's conclusions

After the hypnosis sessions, Simon speculated that Barney's recollection of the UFO encounter was possibly a fantasy inspired by Betty's dreams. Simon thought it was the most plausible and consistent explanation. Barney rejected this idea, noting that while their memories were consistent in some regards, there were also portions of both their narratives that were unique to each. Barney was now ready to accept that they had been abducted by the occupants of a UFO, though he never embraced it as fully as Betty did.

Though the Hills and Simon disagreed about the nature of the case, they all concurred that the hypnosis sessions were effective: the Hills were no longer tormented by anxiety about their experience.

Afterwards, Simon wrote an article about the Hills for the journal *Psychiatric Opinion*, explaining his conclusions that the case was a singular psychological aberration.



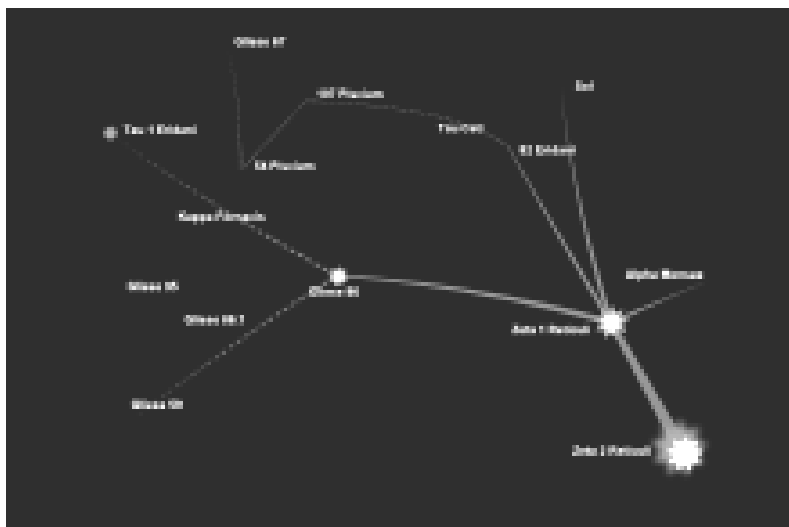
The Hills went back to their regular lives. They were willing to discuss the alleged UFO encounter with friends, family and the occasional UFO researcher, but the Hills apparently made no effort to seek publicity.

On October 25, 1965, a front page story in the Boston Traveller asked "UFO Chiller: Did THEY Seize Couple?" Reporter John H. Luttrell of the *Traveler* had allegedly been given an audio tape recording of the lecture the Hills had made in Quincy Center in late 1963. Luttrell learned that the Hills had undergone hypnosis with Simon; he also obtained notes from confidential interviews the Hills had given to UFO investigators. On October 26, United Press International (UPI) picked up Luttrell's story, and the Hills earned international attention.

In 1966, writer John G. Fuller secured the cooperation of the Hills and Simon and wrote the book *The Interrupted Journey* (see below) about the case. The book included a copy of Betty's sketch of the "star map". The book was a quick success, and went through several printings.

Barney died of a cerebral hemorrhage on February 25, 1969, at age 46; Betty Hill died of cancer on October 17, 2004, at age 85, never having remarried.

In 1968, Marjorie Fish of Oak Harbor, Ohio, read Fuller's *Interrupted Journey*. She was an elementary school teacher and amateur astronomer. Intrigued by the "star map", Fish wondered if it might be "deciphered" to determine which star system from which the UFO came. Assuming that one of the fifteen stars on the map must represent the Earth's Sun, Fish constructed a three-dimensional model of nearby Sun-like stars using thread and beads, basing stellar distances on those published in the 1969 Gliese Star Catalogue. Studying thousands of vantage points over several years, the only one that seemed to match the Hill map was from the viewpoint of the double star system of Zeta Reticuli.



Distance information needed to match three stars, forming the distinctive triangle Hill said she remembered, was not generally available until the 1969 Gliese Catalogue came out.

Fish sent her analysis to Webb. Agreeing with her conclusions, Webb sent the map to Terence Dickinson, editor of the popular magazine Astronomy. Dickinson did not endorse Fish and Webb's conclusions, but for the first time in the journal's history, *Astronomy* invited comments and debate on a UFO report, starting with an opening article in the December 1974 issue. For about a year afterward, the opinions page of *Astronomy* carried arguments for and against Fish's star map. Notable was an argument made by Carl Sagan and Steven Soter, arguing that the seeming "star map" was little more than a random alignment of chance points. In an episode of Cosmos in 1980, Sagan demonstrated that without the lines drawn in the maps, the Hill map bore no resemblance to the real-life map. In contrast, those more favorable to the map, such as David Saunders, a statistician who had been on the Condon UFO study, argued that unusual alignment of key Sun-like stars in a plane centered around Zeta Reticuli (first described by Fish) was statistically improbable to have happened by chance from a random group of stars in our immediate neighborhood.

The 1966 publication of *Interrupted Journey*, by John G. Fuller, details much of the Hills' claims. Excerpts of the book were published in Look magazine, and *Interrupted Journey* went on to sell many copies and greatly publicize the Hills' account. Betty's niece Kathleen Marden explored Fuller's themes along with scientist Stanton T. Friedman in her book *Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience*. Marden knew Betty well and had spoken with her at great length about the encounter.^[citation needed] She also examined all of the historical records and scientific reports pertaining to the case and transcribed the Hills' hypnosis sessions with Benjamin Simon for her detailed comparative analysis.

Later, Betty claimed to have seen UFOs a number of times after the initial abduction, and she "became a celebrity in the UFO community."^[33]

Psychiatrists later suggested that the supposed abduction was a hallucination brought on by the stress of being an interracial couple in early 1960s United States.^[34] Betty discounted this suggestion, noting her relationship with Barney was happy, and their interracial marriage caused no notable problems with their friends or family. As noted in *The Interrupted Journey*, Simon thought that the Hills' marital status had nothing to do with the UFO encounter.

Skeptic blogger Brian Dunning noted that the hypnosis sessions occurred over two years after the reported abductions, which gave the couple plenty of time for the couple to discuss their encounter. Dunning concluded that the Hills' "inventive tale from the mind of a lifelong UFO fanatic ... is unsupported by any useful evidence, and is perfectly consistent with the purely natural explanation." He added that a timeline analysis of the two Air Force radar sightings from that night in the Project Blue Book record shows that neither correlated with the Hills' story. The Air Force concluded that both targets were probably weather balloons.



An alien (played by actor John Hoyt) depicted on television twelve days before the making of Hill's "Grey" hypnosis tape

In his 1990 article "Entirely Unprejudiced", Martin Kottmeyer suggested that Barney's memories revealed under hypnosis might have been influenced by an episode of the science fiction television show The Outer Limits, titled "The Bellerio Shield", which was broadcast about two weeks before Barney's first hypnotic session. The episode featured an extraterrestrial with large eyes who says, "In all the universes, in all the unities beyond the universes, all who have eyes have eyes that speak." The report from the regression featured a scenario that was in some respects similar to the television show. In part, Kottmeyer wrote:

Wraparound eyes are an extreme rarity in science fiction films. I know of only one instance. They appeared on the alien of an episode of an old TV series The Outer Limits entitled "The Bellerio Shield". A person familiar with Barney's sketch in "The Interrupted Journey" and the sketch done in collaboration with the artist David Baker will find a "frisson" of "déjà vu" creeping up his spine when seeing this episode. The resemblance is much abetted by an absence of ears, hair, and nose on both aliens. Could it be by chance? Consider this: Barney first described and drew the wraparound eyes during the hypnosis session dated 22 February 1964. "The Bellerio Shield" was first broadcast on 10 February 1964. Only twelve days separate the two instances. If the identification is admitted, the commonness of wraparound eyes in the abduction literature falls to cultural forces.

When a different researcher asked Betty about *The Outer Limits*, she insisted she had "never heard of it". Kottmeyer also pointed out that some motifs in the Hills' account were present in the 1953 film, Invaders from Mars. A careful analysis of Barney's description of the non-human entities that he observed reveals significant similarities between the "Bifrost Man" and Barney's descriptive details. One must also take into account Barney's conscious, continuous recall of the entities he observed on the hovering craft. They were dressed in black, shiny uniforms and were "somehow not human".

Jim Macdonald, a resident of the area in which the Hills claimed to have been abducted, has produced a detailed analysis of their journey which concludes that the episode was provoked by their misperceiving an aircraft warning beacon on Cannon Mountain as a UFO. Macdonald notes that from the road the Hills took, the beacon appears and disappears at exactly the same time the Hills describe the UFO as appearing and disappearing. The remainder of the experience is ascribed to stress, sleep deprivation, and false memories "recovered" under hypnosis. UFO expert Robert Sheaffer writes after reading Macdonald's recreation that the Hills are the "poster children" for not driving when sleep deprived.^[41] Macdonald's article focuses primarily on the Hills' observations of the light in the sky and the timing of the journey, discounting the Hills' accounts of close encounters south of Cannon Mountain as recovered memories.



The Alien Cyclops of Sagrada Familia



Comic book depiction of the Sagrada Familia Cyclops, an alien encountered by three boys in Brazil in August 1963.

On August 28, 1963, 7-year-old José Marcos Gomes Vidal went to play with his friends Fernando and Ronaldo Gualberto at their home in Sagrada Familia, a poor neighborhood in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Around 7 PM, after eating dinner, the boys went out to the backyard to wash a coffee strainer. While Fernando stood a small distance behind him, José dipped his head and arms into a barrel to collect some water. (I believe Ronaldo was hanging around the side of the house, away from the other two boys.) Suddenly, Fernando noticed a glow coming from the top of an avocado tree. When he looked up, he saw a UFO hovering above the tree's branches.

The craft, which was spherical and had a pair of antennas on top, was completely transparent. It held four human-like passengers sitting inside, one of whom sat in front of a machine that appeared to be a control panel. The passengers were about six feet tall and dressed in spacesuits. They all four had only one eye. Three of them were thin and bald, while the other looked like an overweight woman with blonde hair.

As Fernando gazed at the sight in awe, the UFO shot out two rays of yellow light. One of the cyclopes then appeared between the lights, slowly floating down onto the ground. Once his boots touched the earth, the creature began to walk toward José, who was completely unaware of what was happening since he was

still collecting water. Worried that the cyclops was going to abduct his friend, Fernandos panicked and tackled José. José fell to the ground, and Fernando got back up and faced the cyclops. Now all three boys were aware of their visitor.

Instead of moving any farther, the cyclops moved his head and made hand signals. Its mouth moved and spoke a few sounds that was nothing like the boys ever heard before. The creature then turned around and stared back at the UFO. Fernando, spotting a brick on the ground, picked it up and aimed it at the cyclops. The cyclops suddenly faced the boys again and shot Fernando's hand with a yellow light from a triangular crest on his chest. Fernando dropped the brick, and all three of the boys became calm and frozen.



Fernando, uno de los testigos, apunta el tamaño aproximado del ser el cual amenazó con un ladrillo

A newspaper photo of Fernando using a stick to show how tall the cyclops was.

The cyclops spent the next few minutes talking to the boys in his language. The boys didn't understand anything that the cyclops said, but he sounded like he was serious. After pointing one of his fingers at the moon, the cyclops began to walk back toward the UFO. (One source places Fernando's attempt to hit the creature with a brick at this later point.)

As the cyclops walked away, José asked if he would ever come back. He shook his head affirmatively, plucked a plant from the ground, and then waved his hand at the UFO. The UFO shot out two rays of yellow light again, and the cyclops slowly floated back up into the vehicle. As the boys continued to watch, the UFO flew eastward and disappeared out of their sight.

After the UFO was gone, a wave of fear settled over the three boys. José ran into the Gualbertos' house and hid under a bed. Fernando and Ronaldo were also badly spooked, and told their mother María José about what happened. She sent a neighbor girl to fetch her husband, Alcides, from the bar. When Alcides returned home to check the backyard, he found large footprints, like those of a boot, near the water barrel. José and his friends reportedly never saw the cyclopes again. While the case was at one point investigated by a Brazilian ufologist, it has remained mostly unknown to the wider world.

The 1965 Maurice Masse UFO Incident

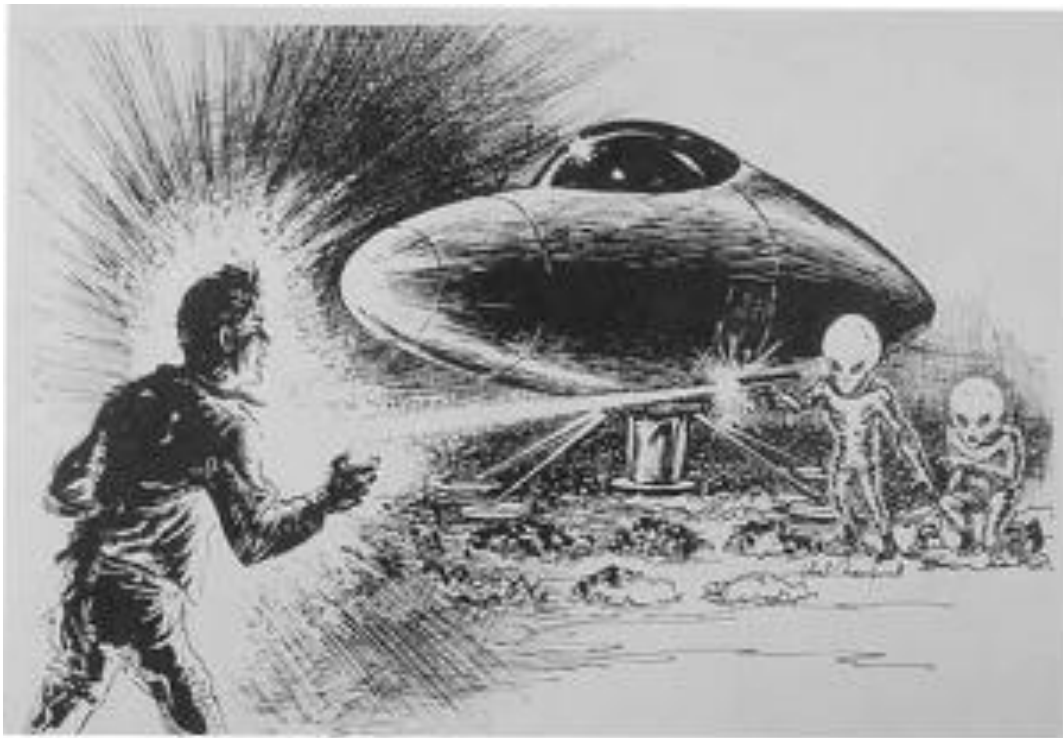


Maurice Masse.

On July 1, 1965, at approximately 6 AM, Maurice Masse was getting ready for work on his farm in Valensole, France when he heard a strange noise coming from his lavender field. Masse assumed it was one of the military helicopters that would sometimes land on his property. Worried that the helicopter might be crushing his lavender, he made his way over to the field and intended to tell the pilot to park someplace else. Rather than a helicopter, however, Masse stumbled upon an egg-shaped vehicle about the size of a car. It stood on six thin legs, sitting about 200 feet away from him. He noticed two small boys, about four feet tall, standing near the craft, apparently observing the lavender.



As Masse began to walk closer to confront them, he realized that the two figures weren't boys. They weren't even human. Dressed in green one-piece suits, the creatures had abnormally large and bald heads, no lips, pointed chins, pale skin, and small hands. One of the creatures suddenly turned around and pointed a small tube at Masse, blasting him with a light that paralyzed him. They stared at Masse for about a minute, communicating with one another by low, guttural grunts. A door then slid open across the craft, and the two mysterious beings disappeared into it. After the door closed, the craft took off into the sky, out of Masse's sight.



Masse was paralyzed for 15 minutes before he could move again. After checking to inspect the marks the craft's legs had made on his lavender, he rushed to town and told a cafe owner what had happened. It wasn't long before the story hit the media and authorities, and Masse's farm soon became infested with tourists. UFO investigators took samples of the lavender and soil allegedly touched by the craft, and Masse freely talked to them about his experience.

He said that he wasn't afraid at all during the encounter and paralysis, and believed that the creatures had no desire to hurt him. Masse did, however, refuse to elaborate on the psychological and physical effects he felt afterward. He did admit to feeling extremely sleepy during the first few weeks, sometimes sleeping up to 12 hours a day. In particular, there was one big detail of the encounter that he refused to discuss with anybody. "Nobody will make me tell it," he is reported as saying. His wife later said in an interview that he constantly thought about the creatures, and "considered his encounter with them a spiritual experience".

Whatever else he saw, Masse took it to the grave with him, dying on May 14th, 2004.



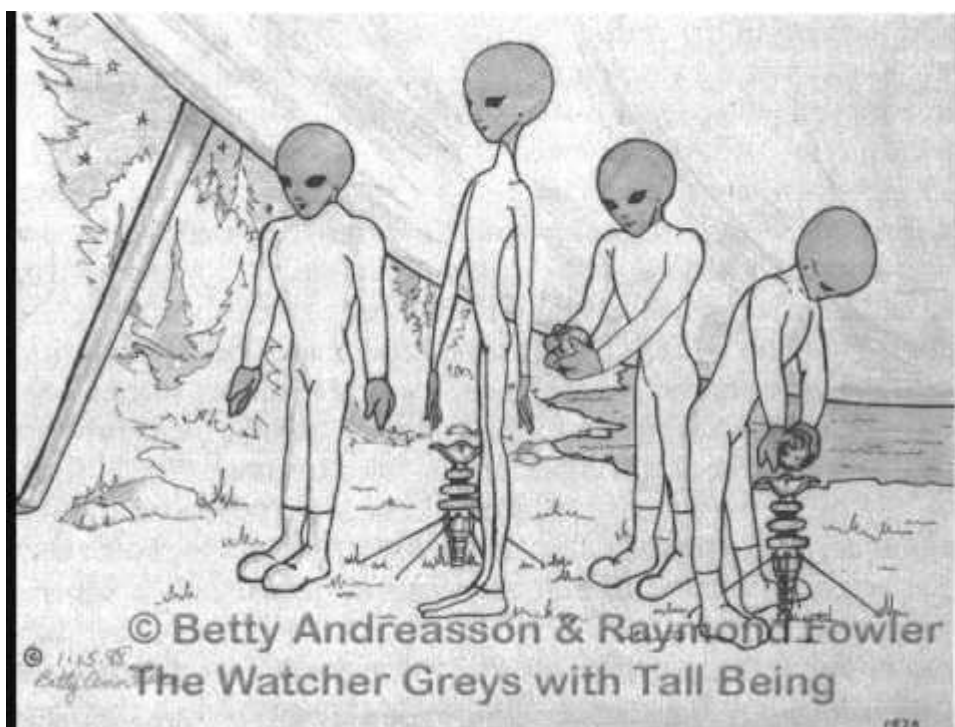
Picture of where the craft is said to have landed.

The Betty Andreasson Abduction

In January 1967, Betty Andreasson was abducted by a group of aliens who told her that worshipped Jesus Christ.

Until January 25, 1967, Betty Andreasson was a pretty ordinary housewife living in South Ashburnham, Massachusetts. That night, around 6:30 PM, Betty was working in her kitchen when her house's power went out for a brief second. As Betty rushed to her front room to check on her seven children, a red light suddenly flashed through the kitchen window and caught her father's attention. When Betty's father went up to the window to check out the source of the light, he saw a group of small gray aliens apparently hopping toward the house.

Once they reached Betty's home, the aliens floated through the kitchen door and put everybody except Betty into a state of suspended animation. To show Betty that her family was all right, the aliens snapped her 11-year-old daughter Becky back into animation. Becky told her mother not to worry, and then the aliens froze her again. While communicating with Betty by telepathy, the aliens took her outside to a silver spacecraft. This smaller vehicle took off and entered a mothership.



A drawing of the Andreasson aliens from one of the five books Raymond Fowler wrote about the case.

Over the course of four hours, Betty was subjected to some medical experiments and a surgery which removed a tracking-device that had been put in her nose in an earlier encounter that happened in 1950. During her abduction, the aliens told Betty that they worshipped Jesus Christ. They claimed that the Second Coming would happen soon, and then they took Betty to a room where she talked to a tall being she would later call “The One”. After meeting The One, Betty was taken home and had her memory wiped clean. Her family was unfrozen, and aside from Becky, would forget everything they saw that night.

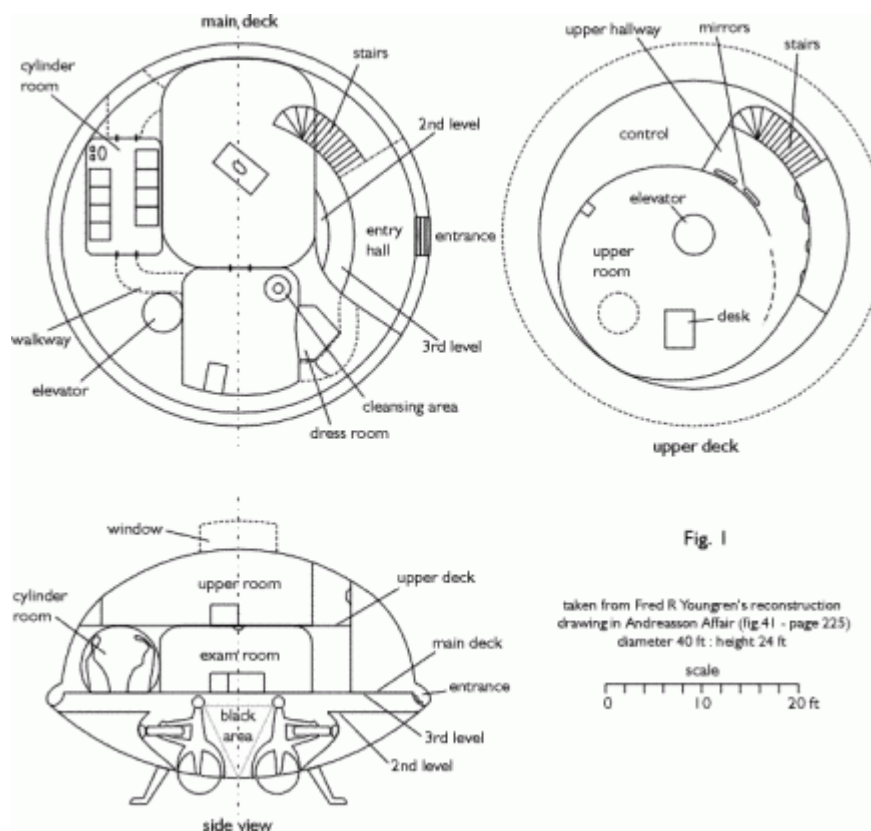
It wasn't until years later, in the 1970s, that Betty would remember what happened to her. In 1975, Betty wrote a letter about her experience to J. Allen Hynek, a well-known astronomer and UFO investigator. Hynek had little interest in Betty's incredible story, but a hypnotic session was eventually organized by a group of investigators in 1977. After more than a dozen sessions and some other tests, Betty and Becky were able to unravel what happened to their family that night in 1967. Betty also recovered memories about some incidents in 1944, 1949, and 1950, and the hypnotist, Raymond Fowler, soon came to believe that he was once abducted by aliens too.



In 1979, Fowler turned the exhaustive notes taken of Betty's experiences into a book called *The Andreasson Affair*. By that time, Betty was living in Florida with two of her daughters after a divorce from her husband. After her case became publicized, she met a man named Bob Luca, who also claimed to have some abduction experiences. (It seems like everybody Betty comes into contact with realizes they once had an abduction experience.) Betty and Bob were soon married, and their subsequent experiences have provided for four more books by Raymond Fowler. They are both still alive and active in the UFO community.

Due to the hundreds of pages of research that went into investigating Betty Andreasson's experiences, her story has long been regarded by enthusiasts as one of the more credible abduction cases. There are plenty of troubling details and

problems with her case, however, and I don't just mean the part about the aliens practicing a 2,000-year-old religion whose holy book doesn't even mention life on other planets.



A sketch of the spaceship Andreasson went on-board.

As pointed out by Dr. Aaron Sakulich, of [The Iron Skeptic](#), Betty's description of her abductors is strange and inconsistent. Over the years, Betty went from describing the aliens' eyes as white with pupils to being entirely black like the aliens in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. The uniforms the aliens wore also don't make much sense. According to Betty, they wore heavy boots, but what would have been the point since the aliens apparently floated everywhere? Furthermore, hypnosis sessions and "recovered" memories are notoriously unreliable and should not be taken as serious proof that an abduction actually happened.

In February 2007, Betty and Bob Luca's son Robert Jr. announced that the Andreasson Affair was a hoax. In a 2,000 word email available on [UFO UpDates](#), Robert Jr. claimed that his father was a compulsive liar who had drinking problems, while his mother needed "serious psychological help" and had "serious issues." According to Robert Jr., Betty had been experiencing emotional shock because two of her sons had earlier died in a car accident. After meeting her second husband, Betty would write about every dream she had as though it were

an abduction, and Bob encouraged her and even manipulated investigators into believing the story.

At the end of his email, Robert Luca Jr. had this to say about his parents: “These two people have used the ufo society for years and only to gain book sales, money and own self satisfaction of feeling as if they are in the public. They give people out there with real and true stories a big black eye!”

The Andreasson Affair, the first of five books about the Betty Andreasson case written by Raymond Fowler, is currently the only book still in print.

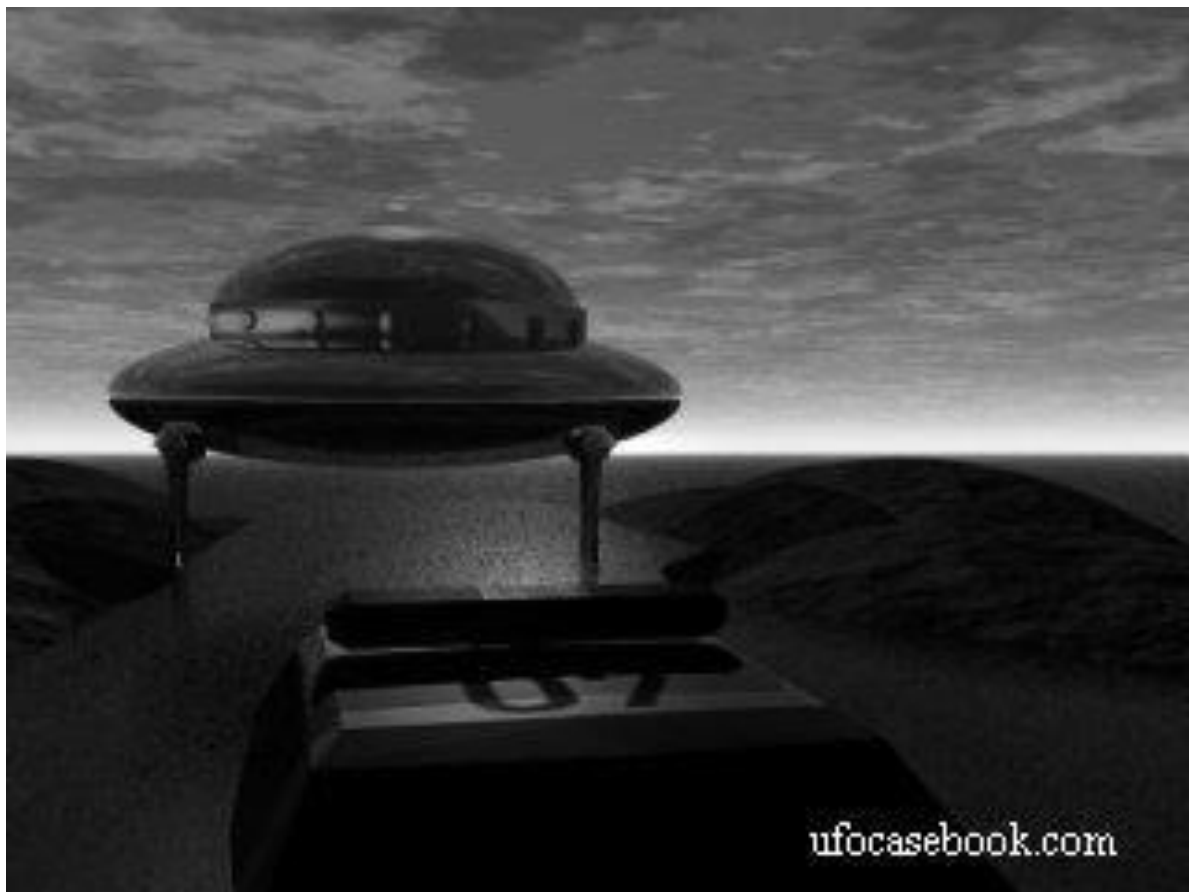
I believe Robert Jr. had much more to say on his website, Luca Land, but this site is no longer available. Naturally, his accusations came as a great shock, and Betty’s defenders slammed him as a liar incapable of using spellcheck. (As you can see in the quote above, he wasn’t particularly strong on his grammar and spelling.) The official Andreasson Affair website has an open letter from Bob Luca rebuking his son’s claims. According to the elder Luca, his son was estranged from the family and struggled with drugs and alcohol. He also announced that his son was now deceased, although he didn’t specify the causes.

Personally, I have no idea whether Robert Luca Jr.’s claims were legitimate. But his comment about Betty’s emotional state is interesting and deserves some attention. From an interview on the UFO Case Book, Betty had this to say about how her experience and the publicity affected her family:

“Yes, many things changed in my family. My father passed on, my ex husband disappeared, my two sons died in an auto accident, my mother came to live with us, I moved to Florida with her and my two youngest daughters. I was told not to speak to any reporters. I had to sell my home, the children had to attend other schools. My whole life, and my family had changed and went through some very difficult times.”

The Schirmer Abduction

It was in the 1960s that the Air Force decided to hire a university to make an impartial study of UFOs to determine if there was a reason for the Air Force to continue to investigate them. The so-called Condon Committee, at the University of Colorado, was formed and began their work in the 1967. I won't bother here with the details about why I think this was a set up and neither the Air Force nor Condon planned to make a true objective analysis. All this is important because, on December 3, 1967, during the investigative phase of the research project, a police officer in the tiny community of Ashland, Nebraska, reported that he had seen a UFO close to the ground, hovering no more than six or eight feet above the highway. When he turned on his bright lights for a better look, the saucer-shaped object brightened, tilted upward, and then with a siren-like noise, lifted and vanished.



Sergeant Herb Schirmer (seen below courtesy Warren Smith) opened his car

door to watch as the craft rose, spouting a flame-colored material from under it. He would later say that he saw a row of seven portholes, oval shaped and about two feet across. He said he saw a catwalk around the object, below the portholes and that the surface of the object was polished aluminum that glowed brightly in reflected light.



The first part of the Condon Committee investigation of the sighting took place on December 11 and 12, 1967, and that date becomes important later. In the summary of the report, the Condon Committee investigator wrote, "Mr. Schirmer felt perhaps he had not been conscious during a period of approximately 20 minutes while he was observing the UFO. He had a feeling of paralysis at the time, and felt funny, weak, sick, and nervous when he returned to the police station."

In another part of the investigation that would become important later, the Ashland police chief Bill Wlaschin, said that he checked the area the next morning but found nothing of great importance there. He did find a single piece of metallic-like material that he did not recognize. It looked to be a chip of aluminum paint but I found no analysis attached to that report or to the various other reports I have. In the published version of the Condon Committee, called the *Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* (Bantam, 1969), the material

was described as iron and silicon and since there was no real connection between the sighting and the material, no further analysis was done.

They searched the site where Schirmer, after hypnosis, would say the UFO had actually landed. They tested for radioactivity but found nothing.

A polygraph for Schirmer was arranged using an experienced official agency that Chief Wlaschin refused to identify. According to the chief, the test showed no indications that Schirmer was deceptive. In other words, he passed.

John Ahrens, of the Condon Committee returned to Ashland about a week later, on December 19, to give a psychological test to Schirmer. Schirmer agreed to take the tests.

On February 13, 1968, after the time discrepancy between Schirmer's log and the time he returned from the UFO sighting became a concern, another interview was held. Remember, though, Schirmer said there was a short period in which he believed he had been unconscious, so the first real suggestion of missing time is probably attributable to Schirmer himself.

Some suggest that one of the scientists with the Condon Committee, probably Dr. Leo Sprinkle, suggested the missing time might be significant. However it happened, or who noticed it is not all that important, unless it was Schirmer who called attention to it first. Then we have him planting the seeds that would lead to his claimed abduction.

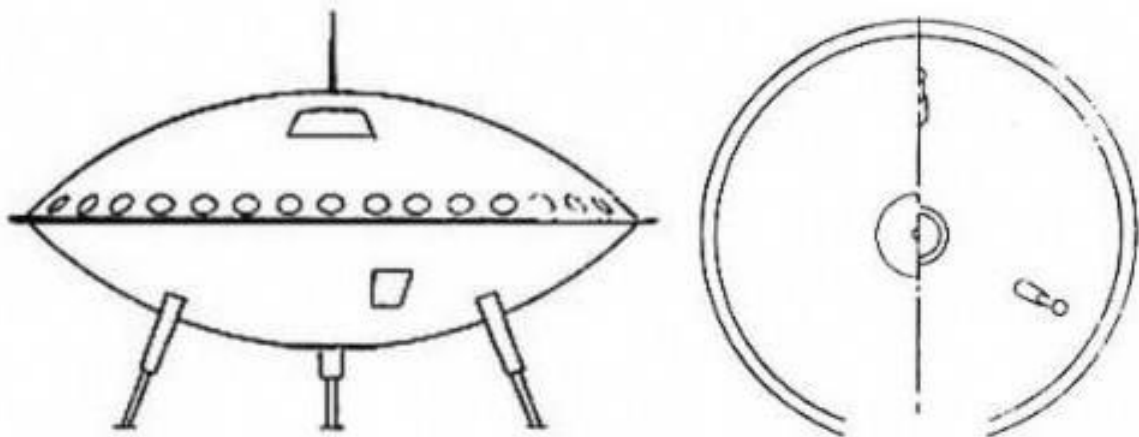
After further investigation, which included hypnotic regression, Sprinkle, worried about a perceived bias on his part, wrote:

The writer [Sprinkle] believes that there is sufficient empirical evidence to support the views that the following phenomena exist: hypnotic processes or varying levels of awareness; extra sensory perception and psychokenetic (sic) processes (ESP or psi processes); and spacecraft ("flying saucers") from extra terrestrial sources which are controlled by intelligent beings who seem to be conducting an intensive survey of the earth.

Because these views are different from those of many persons in contemporary society, the writer [Sprinkle] offers his impressions with the recognition that other observers may have obtained different, and even conflicting, impressions of the interview with Sgt. Schirmer.

Under the hypnotic regression, first with Sprinkle, and later regressions coordinated by Warren Smith, an Iowa writer whose work dealt with the paranormal, the unusual and the extraterrestrial, Schirmer told a story that was fairly consistent, though he added detail under the persuasion of hypnosis and the close questioning of the investigators. And there were his log entries that backed up, to a degree, the story he told.

It was early in the morning of December 3, that Schirmer began to suspect something was wrong. He told the original investigators that a bull in a corral at the edge of town was acting strangely and he was afraid that it might break out. At 2:30 a.m., according to what he wrote in his log, he was near the intersection of Highway 63 and Highway 6, when he saw an object hovering over the road. He didn't believe, at that time, that it landed and only gave a description of it in the air. It eventually climbed out and disappeared. Schirmer then drove back to the police station to report in.



That was really all he had to say about the sighting. Later he would tell investigators that the craft hadn't been hovering above the highway but was sitting in a field near it. Sprinkle wrote, "He [Schirmer] stated that a bright light had shone from the object upon the car and that he saw a 'white blurred object' which came toward the car. He said he felt he was in communication with someone in the object, and that he also felt the communication was in effect during the interview [meaning that while Sprinkle had him in a hypnotic state, Schirmer thought he was mentally in contact with the aliens]."

Schmirer told Sprinkle that he, Schirmer thought it would be wrong to say anything else about the sighting until they were in the proper place at the proper time. Schirmer resisted the attempts by Sprinkle to learn the proper time and place, so Sprinkle ended the session.

They did learn that a bright light came from the object, a white, blurred object approached the car and then seemed to fade, the craft then moved upward, a weird sound came from it and a bright red-orange glow came from under it. The UFO then shot straight up and out of sight.

After the session ended, Schirmer said that he thought the "white, blurred object" was something alive. He mentioned that he believed he had been in direct mental communication with someone on the craft. Schirmer believed that the craft used electrical or magnetic force which controlled gravity and allowed them to travel through space and that they were taking electricity from some nearby power lines. He said that the beings on the ship were based on Venus or Saturn but were from another galaxy and that they were friendly. They were here to keep the people of Earth from destroying the planet.

Schirmer agreed to take a number of psychological tests. Let's just say that the results tended toward the negative. His I.Q., for example, was on the low side for conceptual thinking, but on the high side for dealing with concrete intellectual tasks such as puzzle solving.

The problem for the scientists at the Condon Committee were that, "His [Schirmer's] performance on the word association test causes one to doubt his honesty in the UFO sighting, or at least seems to indicate that he himself disbelieves the credibility of the sighting."

But this doesn't really tell us much. It could be that Schirmer was lying, but it could also be that he found the experience to be unbelievable. Given what he would later say, that he found the experience unbelievable isn't much of a stretch.

The scientists also noted that "He is also preoccupied with seeing UFO objects." But they also noted that he was given the tests after reporting a UFO and that might account for his obsession at the time.

So now we move into a new arena. Warren Smith, a sometimes writer living in Clinton, Iowa, wrote in *Gods, Demons and UFOs*, that Schirmer contacted him.

Schmirer, dissatisfied with the results of the Condon Committee investigation, wanted to push for answers.

Smith and paranormal expert and writer Brad Steiger met with Smith on several occasions. Under hypnosis conducted by Loring G. Williams, Schirmer added a great deal of detail. He said that the object was metallic and shaped like a football. It had flashing lights underneath it. He thought he heard a whooshing sound. Finally he saw legs coming from the bottom and it settled to the ground.

He originally hinted to the Condon Committee members that he had been prevented from using his pistol or his radio. Now he clarified that, telling Smith, Steiger and Williams that there was something in his mind that prevented him from acting.

Creatures, aliens, beings, something came from the craft and one of them stood in front of his car holding something. A greenish gas came out surrounding the car. Then the creature in front of the car pulled something out of a holster and there was a bright flash. Schirmer said that he was now paralyzed and passed out.

Schmirer was then walked to the craft. Under it, a hatch opened and a ladder came out. Schirmer noticed that the interior of the craft and the ladder were cold. He spent about 15 minutes on the craft and was "briefed" by the leader.

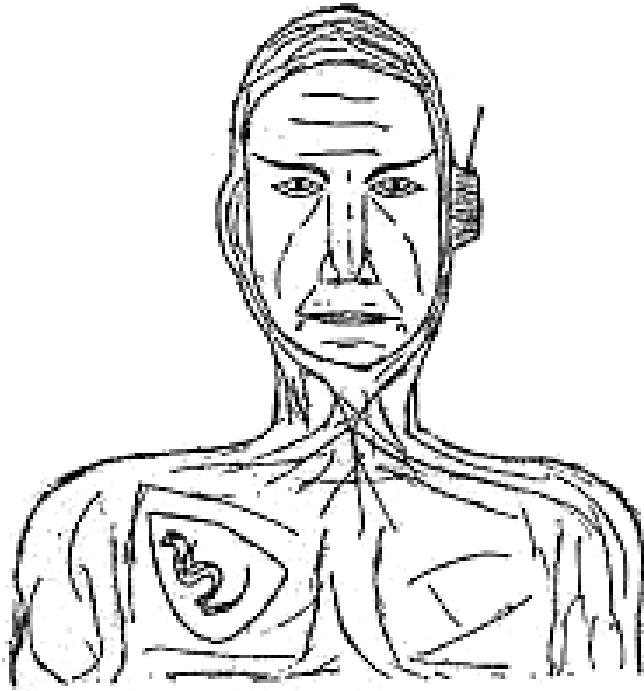
The creatures were about four and a half to five feet tall, wore close fitting uniforms with both boots and gloves. Their suits came up around their heads much like the hood on a skin diver's outfit. On the left side was a small headphone with a small antenna sticking up from it. There was a winged serpent on the chest.

He said that the skin was a grey-white, that the heads were thin and longer than a human head, the mouth was a slit and the eyes had an Asian slant but did not blink (Drawing of alien by Schirmer seen here, courtesy of Warren Smith).



The leader told him many things. He said they have bases in the United States and off the coast of Florida. They have a base in the polar region and there are other bases off the coast of Argentina. Radar can knock their ships out of the air, but the mother ship destroys them before they can crash.

After the briefing, Schirmer was taken back to the hatch. The two crewmen who remained outside climbed back in. Schirmer walked back to his police car. He returned to Ashland and arrived at the police station about three. In his log he wrote, "Saw a flying saucer at the junction of highways 6 and 63. Believe it or not."

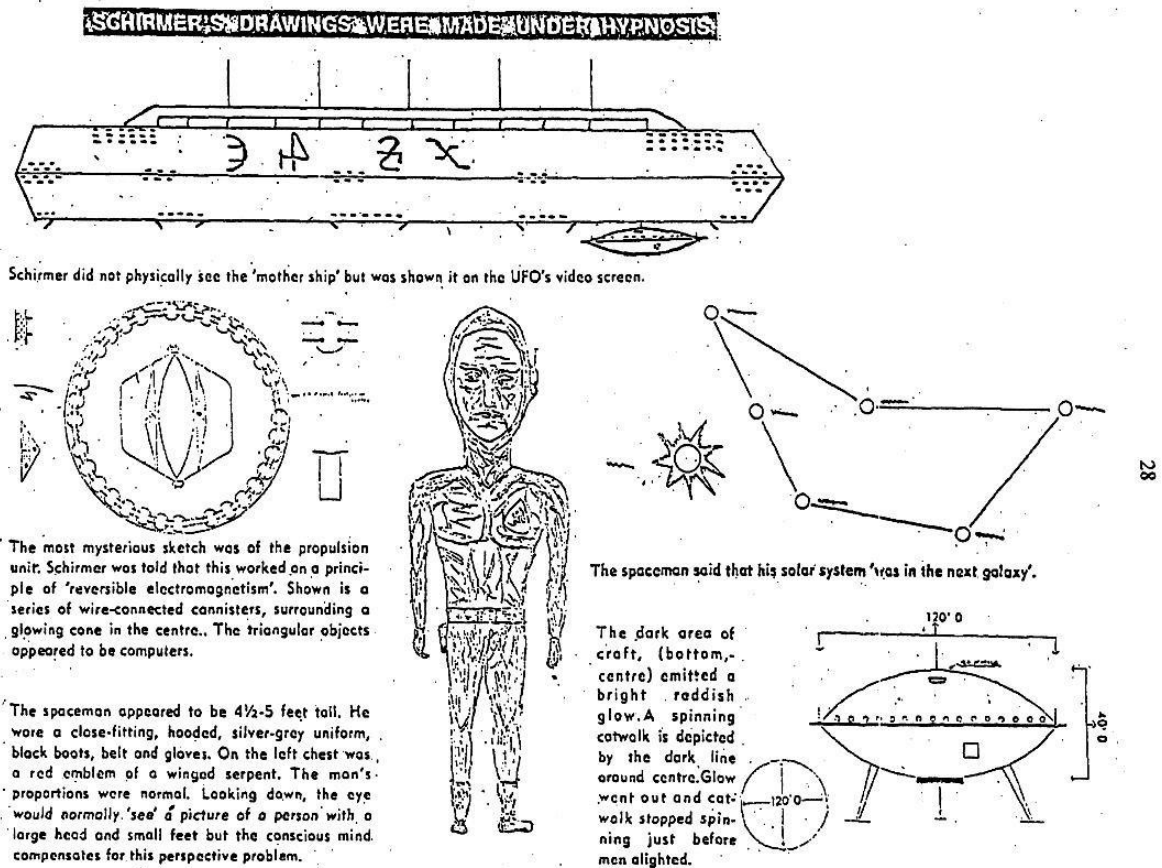


Herbert Schirmer's drawing
of the crew leader

Warren Smith reported that he had found the landing site, an unplowed sloping field. Smith claimed to have seen landing gear markings and patches of grass that had been swirled and twisted. He wrote, "Some very impressive evidence has been embedded in an unplowed, sloping field just above the highway. Three-pointed tripod marks were sunk deep into the earth. Patches of grass in the field are swirled into an unusual pattern, as if the vegetation was whirled by some powerful centrifugal force. The patches of grass are darker in color; it grows higher and faster than surrounding vegetation."

He was there weeks after the investigators for the Condon Committee who reported nothing of the sort. Smith, who suggested that he was something of a photographer failed to take pictures of the evidence, or to even make notes and illustrations of it or later review.

You might say, at this point, that these are the facts and they are not in dispute... except that some of this isn't factual and there are areas for dispute. Let's take a look at this with a dispassionate eye.



We know that Schirmer reported seeing a flying saucer and that in his initial report it was in the air. We know that he logged the sighting and we have a record of that log. We know that there is a discrepancy between the times in his log and his return to the police station and that discrepancy is only about twenty minutes. Not very much time for him to be captured, taken into the craft and given both the tour and briefing that he later, under hypnosis, reported.

Here are a couple of things we don't know. We don't know who originally discovered the discrepancy in the times. Some suggest that it was one of the police officers, or possibly Schirmer himself that noticed the timing problems. Others suggest that it was Sprinkle.

I don't know who did, but I do know, according to the notes made about the interviews with the Condon Committee members held in February, that there was a morning that was an "orientation session - Leo Sprinkle probed the witness and laid certain groundwork for the afternoon session." This was after the initial investigation completed in December.

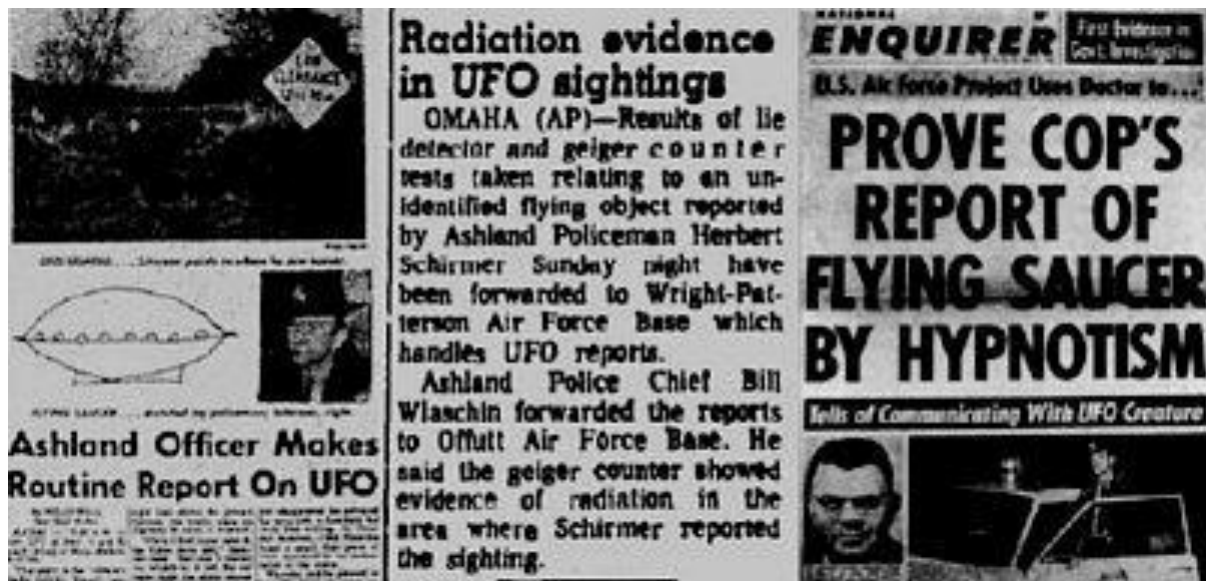
What I don't know is exactly what was talked about during that morning session. I had watched Dr. James Harder, in his preliminaries before hypnotic regression in another abduction case discuss details of other UFO sightings with the witness. Harder was looking for validation of the Barney and Betty Hill abduction and it is clear from his questioning of the witnesses under hypnosis and his discussions with them before and between sessions what he wanted.

I have been unable to learn the contents of the morning session held with Schirmer, but I would suspect a similar discussion. Sprinkle noted that "Sgt. Schirmer seemed to be faced with conflicting wishes: the desire to be seen as a competent observer and courageous policeman versus the desire to be considered 'his own man' rather than a puppet which could be controlled through suggestion and hypnosis."

This might be important because Schmirer, during that first hypnotic regression, refused to provide much information. Instead they used yes and no questions to get more information and I have a copy of those questions.

They hint at something more substantial, but offered little to suggest that he had entered the craft. Instead, he seemed to believe that he had been in "communication" telepathically with one of the aliens.

Now, in an aspect of the case that hasn't been discussed much, but one that I find quite disturbing, Sprinkle wrote about a break in the questioning, "Sgt. Schirmer described some of his reactions to the sighting: he said that he drank two cups of hot, steaming coffee 'like it was water,' he claimed that he often experienced a 'ringing,' 'numbness,' 'buzzing' in his ears before going to sleep (around 1:30 a.m. or 2:00 a.m.): he believed he had experienced precognitive dreams... he said he felt concern and 'hurt' since the UFO sighting; he described disturbances in his sleep, including incidents in which he awoke and found that he was 'choking' his wife and 'handcuffing his wife's ankle and wrist; he said that his wife sometimes woke up during the night and placed his gun elsewhere so that it was not in his boots beside his bed where he had been keeping it."



Although Sprinkle had suggested that Schirmer was of "average or above average intelligence... He presented himself as a conscientious policeman who has a sixth sense or intuition about crime detection; he also seemed to gain satisfaction from the occasional need for violence in his work, although he spoke favorably about the use of MACE."

As noted earlier, Sprinkle mentioned his personal belief in a number of paranormal phenomena, which suggested he would be less likely to question Schirmer closely about portions of his report, the above seems to mitigate all that. This assessment, which is not nearly as bold as that of other scientists involved in the case, is, nonetheless quite troubling. It suggests a young man who has a number of possible psychological problems which could manifest themselves in the UFO report. Couple that to the Condon Report suggestion that "His performance on the word association test causes one to doubt his honesty in the UFO sighting, or at least seems to indicate that he himself disbelieves the credibility of the sighting," and the evidence for a UFO landing is not quite as persuasive.

On this one issue, which, frankly, can be reduced to whichever set of scientists you want to believe, the Schirmer case fails. Sprinkle reported on psychological troubles but not in the same, bold language used by others.

We can say, then, that the only real investigation was that reported by Warren Smith (seen here). Smith, contacted by Schirmer, arranged more hypnosis and the details of the abduction came out. The problem here is that we know that

Schirmer had been exposed to the other abduction cases being reported. He had been lead there by Sprinkle and the Condon Committee.

But that isn't the real problem. Warren Smith, who is quoted in some of the UFO books about abduction simply isn't reliable. He made things up to pad a story. This is no speculation but fact. He told me this himself. He told the same thing to other researchers and writers, so everything that we have, attributed to him, must be carefully reviewed.

Is there evidence for Smith's invention of details on this case? Certainly. Remember the landing traces he found that escaped the attention of others who searched the area first. He never offered any evidence, and if he had photographed the area, we might have then been able to show that the Condon Committee had been a little loose with the data.

Smith, in fact, goes after the Condon Committee turning each little difference into a mistake by the committee and then into something more than it was. Smith wrote, for example, "He [Schirmer] was identified as a Marine veteran instead of a Navy man."

But in their final report, the committee members wrote, "The trooper said that he had served with the U.S. Marines." It's not really the same thing when you remember that the Navy supplies corpsmen to the Marines. So, he could have been in the Navy and served with the Marines. Not really much of a problem in the greater scheme of things.

Smith placed his own liberal interpretation on the transcript. He reported, "Did you attempt to draw your gun?" Schirmer, according to Smith answered, "I am prevented."

But the technique used by Sprinkle was a little more subtle. The question was phrased, "Did I take the gun out?" Schirmer indicated a "No." He was then asked, "Was I prevented from taking the gun out?" and Schmirer said, "Yes."

All this really means is that Smith was at odds with the Condon Committee. He offered evidence that the committee might have had information that was not released to the public. When Schirmer complained about a rash, or welt on his neck that appeared shortly after his sighting, and which faded in a couple of days, Smith thought something more about that. He wrote that Schirmer said, "One of those guys with the Condon Committee later told me that a welt at that spot is a

sign of people who had a memory loss after they meet up with a UFO. It means that something more than a regular sighting occurred."

According to Smith, "Another member of Condon's staff informed Schirmer that a contactee was being held at an undesignated government facility. 'He said this was a Federal Hospital or something like that.'"

This is stunning information. It implies that not only were committee members hiding information about UFOs, they had a great deal of inside knowledge. And they knew that UFO witnesses were being illegally held by the government. Yet, in all the time since the committee ended its work, and with all the controversy around its work, including staff members who resigned because of the bias of the committee, these allegations have never resurfaced. And, they have never been corroborated.

Note here that Smith assigns the information to Schirmer and reports it in quotes. But he provides no information to back it up, and provides nothing that would make it possible for us to check the veracity of the information.

There was another man in the room during this session and that was Brad Steiger. He told me, "I was present for the one and only time that Williams regressed Herb. Warren really was unfamiliar with the process and pretty much let Schirmer talk. I really can't recall that Warren asked any particularly leading questions during the session, which was pretty straightforward."

So far so good. But then Steiger told me, "I think it is fair to suggest that Smith may have elaborated considerably when he wrote the article for *SAGA*... It is also fair to suggest that Herb's interview 'grew' and additional details came to both his and Warren's fertile minds. I guess I never felt terribly convinced by the Schmirer case."

In the end we are left with two somewhat divergent accounts, one of which is rich in detail. But again, Smith gives us nothing solid. We must rely on Smith's reputation for that, and Smith fails here.

When MJ-12 first broke, Smith called me with an amazing revelation. Back in the early 1950s, as he traveled around installing the latest printing equipment in newspapers, he made friends with a man from Texas. The man's wife was on a dude ranch in the southern part of the state and she wrote about a UFO crash that had taken place. She mentioned names, locations, and it is clear that she, through Smith, was describing the Del Rio UFO crash as reported in one of the

MJ-12 papers. Smith knew the man, and said the letters existed. If true, then documentation that was created in the early 1950s, that had a provenance, would corroborate some of the MJ-12 information.

But Smith was never able to produce the documents and letters and he soon lost interest. Later, he would suggest that he had the diaries of Ted Bundy... or rather, he wanted help to create them because they would sell for big money. This was a plan that he never put into action.

If there were two ways to do something, an easier, legal and ethical way, and a more difficult con, Smith would opt for the con every time. Ease of a task had nothing to do with his thought process. He wanted to score with the con and part of that was to invent information for his work.

He excused it, sometimes, by suggesting that he needed an item or two to flesh out a story. He told me that while working on a magazine article about Bigfoot, he needed another eyewitness account, so he invented two college girls in Missouri who had seen something strange. It was a minor part of the article, but the point is, he invented the tale.



Finally there is the drawing that Schirmer made of what the aliens looked like. Here is a point where the contamination might be seen. The alien leader (seen here and below), with the diver's hood and the single earphone resembles the

aliens in *Mars Needs Women*, which, coincidentally, had played in theaters only a few months before the sighting and regression. It is an image that has not been repeated in the UFO literature with any regularity.

It does suggest, however, that some of the details that appear in the UFO literature have their foundations in science fiction, both the movies and the magazines. So, when UFO researchers tell us that there is no influence by science fiction, they are mistaken.

Where does all this leave us? With a UFO sighting that is uncorroborated, details of an abduction that are out of science fiction movies, and rumors about abductees who are in federal mental hospitals and a committee of scientists who sold out, but let some of the hidden information out anyway.

Most important, however, is that this case is now forty years old and the best we can say is that Schmirer might have seen a UFO. Everything else is the product of contamination, a desire to validate the Hill abduction and invention by a writer who had the reputation for creating details to flesh out a story.

Given what we have learned in the last forty years, it is more likely that this abduction came from a disturbed young man who was aided by a writer who needed a story. He might have originally seen something, but the other details, added long after the fact, are more likely confabulation than alien intervention. This is a case that should be footnoted in the abduction research and then ignored. It teaches us nothing.

Humanoid Encounters in Malaysia

UFO occupants or "humanoids" present themselves in various shapes and sizes, as do the UFO themselves. Worldwide reports have from time to time given rise to new types or species of humanoids, from small winged creatures to huge hairy creatures. But from reports as early as 1897 it has become clear that one type – the 4 feet-5 inches Oriental type – has been consistent. They were seen widely in France during the great 1954 UFO wave and continued to be sighted as recently as 1979 in South Africa.

While other countries have been experiencing close encounters with humanoids of diversified forms, I would like to draw attention to the reports in Malaysia where humanoid encounters have been confined to only one type – tiny entities measuring from 3 inches to 6 inches in height. Though reports of the other UFO categories bear similarity to the global sightings, encounters with humanoids in Malaysia on the record so far are in a class of their own. There has not been a single reported incident of encounters with UFO occupants measuring taller than 6 inches in height. It is also to be noted that there has not been a single case of a UFO measuring greater than 3 feet in diameter landing on Malaysian soil. These observations constitute a puzzle, and if any explanations can be given it is hoped that some relationship with the global UFO landings may give a clue to the UFO phenomena.

The following alleged encounters, the full stories of which are incomplete since the principle witnesses cannot be located are listed below.

CASE 1. Johore Bahru, 1970

Four boys going to school one morning saw a small UFO and tiny 6-inch tall creatures. The boys soon reported it to the headmaster and since it occurred in the school premises, the news broke out and soon the whole school were combing the area looking for the creatures. One small burnt patch on the ground was found. The UFO was gone.

CASE 2: Gambang near Kuantan, 1973

Two schoolboys claimed to have seen tiny humanoids only 3-inches tall in the school compound. It is said that one of the creatures was actually caught by the boys, which attracted the attention of a teacher. He arrived in time to see it before the tiny creature finally managed to escape.

CASE 3: Bukit Mertajam, 1973

A group of boys playing football in a school field sighted a small UFO landed nearby. From it emerged tiny creatures which immediately one of the boys tried to catch. A beam of light was fired at the boy's hand. The UFO flew away.

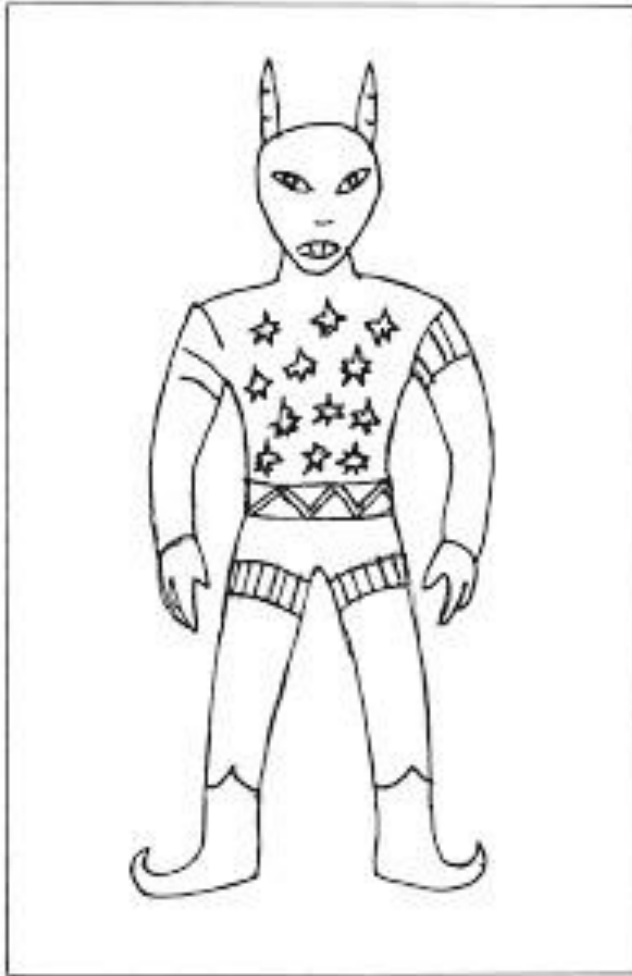


Fig 1. Entity, based on sketch by witness (case 3).

CASE 4: Ipoh, 1973

A small UFO carrying tiny humanoids landed in a school field. Several schoolboys who sighted it excitedly called their teachers. They came just too late to see the object speeding away.

CASE 5: Miri, Sarawak, 1973

Several boys saw a humanoid about 6 inches tall wearing a white suit cutting a fence wire with an intense beam of light. They tried to catch it but it was lost in the bushes. No UFO was sighted.

CASE 6: Miri, Sarawak, 1973

Several people on vacation along the beach sighted a group of tiny beings wearing white suits. There were about six or seven of them. They wore no mask and resembled humans except for their tiny size. This group consisted of possibly males and females. The females were notable because of the long hair. An attempt to catch them failed. No saucer was sighted.

CASE 7: Bukit Mertajam, 1979

A small UFO landed on a field near some boys. A boy tried to catch a 3-inch creature that emerged from it. It fired a beam that temporarily paralyzed his right arm. The UFO then flew away.

There were not less than 7 reported landings in Malaysia from the first known landing in 1970 through May 1979. From these reports there were 5 cases of close encounter with tiny humanoids and 2 other cases and 2 other cases reported from East Malaysia but no UFO was sighted. The creatures measured, in all cases, either 3 inches or 6 inches tall. All were equipped with a type of ray gun. They were described as well dressed in one-piece suits. Some had slightly larger head and round eyes. The 3-inch humanoids sometimes had two antenna-like structures protruding from the head. Case 1,2,3,4 and 7 occurred in West Malaysia, all reported by schoolchildren and all landings took place in school premises.



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probable landing, occurred on May 26, 1979, near Kulim where the witnesses, 3 boys and 2 adults, claimed to have sighted a small UFO hovering a few feet above the ground perhaps in an attempt to land since its three landing gears were already down. As the witnesses tried to touch the object an intense light ray shone

into their eyes which temporarily blinded them. This shows that the small UFO was intelligently controlled from inside. Considering its small size, estimated about 2 feet in diameter, the UFO occupants if any inside would have to measure about 3 inches tall to fit comfortably in the object.

Tiny Craft, Tiny Pilots

Ever since the days of Tom Thumb and Lemuel Gulliver, shrunken humans, tiny humans, and tiny humanoids have been grist to the mill of science fiction. Unfortunately, as I explained in my sci-fi blog, they are biologically impossible. That is why I find reports of such beings so intriguing. The list of shortest people reveals a number of dwarfs slightly taller and, in some cases, slightly shorter than 2 feet [60 cm]. Nevertheless, many of them had disproportionate body parts, and all of them grew up and lived among people of normal height. A breeding population of such little people might run into problems. What is certain is that any sighting of a normally proportioned adult much shorter than this is unlikely to refer to anything of flesh and blood. So what are we to make of the following reports of tiny pilots of tiny craft?

1. In Hertford, England in 1929, a five year old girl and her eight year old brother had such an unsettling experience that they didn't talk about it themselves until about 1960, and the lady herself did not reveal it to outsiders until 1970. They had been minding their own business, playing in the garden, when they heard the sound of an engine. Suddenly, down came a miniature biplane, with a wingspan of no more than 12 to 15 inches [30 - 38 cm]. It landed next to the garbage bin, and for the few seconds it was on the ground, they clearly saw a "perfectly proportioned tiny pilot wearing a leather flying helmet". He waved to them as he took off.

Reference: Gordon Creighton, 1970: 'A weird case from the past', Flying Saucer Review 16(4), p30, but I have taken the summary from Jerome Clark's book, Extraordinary Encounters.

2. In 2002 a Californian lady named Jayne Kamal posted the following story. Around 1974, she and her older sister were alone in the kitchen baking chocolate chip cookies and looking out the patio window into the back yard, when something caught their eye.

I remember I literally shook my head and looked at my sister. I said, "Did you just see. then she said,

"A little man on a motorcycle. then I said, "Float across our back yard?!!!" We both started laughing and couldn't believe it. It had looked like a leprachaun (but not dressed in green) on a tiny motorcycle, which just floated over the fence, over the backyard, and over the neighbour's fence. Mrs Kamal also said she shared the story, not without a certain embarrassment, with a coworker called Susan, who also had had a peculiar experience. When she was little, she had been playing in her upstairs bedroom when she heard a tapping on her window. There stood a tiny little man who, when she let him in, talked and played with her before exiting via the window and climbing down the ivy. Apparently, he came back several times after that. He told her his name was Jiminie Cricket, but he looked nothing like the Disney character of that name. Mrs Kamal's mother-in-law was 75 years old at the time, but insisted the following story was true. When she was 15 years old and living in Palestine, she had been cleaning the house. She flipped over a couch cushion, and saw three little people. She screamed, dropped the cushion, and ran out of the room. Of course, when her parents arrived and lifted the cushion, the minuscule beings were gone. They always are.

3. This essay would be incomplete without mentioning the classic Malaysian micro-ufonauts, which were typically described as being just 3 inches [7-8 cm] tall. Significantly, nearly all the witnesses were children in the age group 8 - 14 years, and the sightings took place close to schools. Their stories are related in more detail elsewhere in the internet, so I shall be brief.

It began on 2 July 1969 when a silver UFO the size of a dinner plate landed in the grounds of a primary school in Johor Bahru, and out stepped five men wearing red uniforms, who were only 6 inches [15 cm] high. When they saw a crowd of children heading towards them, instead of returning to their craft, they jumped down a hole in the ground and vanished, and their spaceship likewise vanished.

In August 1970 a sensation was produced by the alleged appearance of a large number of 3 inch aliens outside Stowell Primary School at Bukit Mertajam, in the State of Penang. It made front page news in the leading Singapore newspaper, The Straits Times on 21 and 22 August, and you can read them here and

here. The narrative is a little confused because the events were related out of chronological order. Also, since the paper was based in Singapore, and the events took place in Malaya, the dispatches were dated the day before publication, something to remember when reading the words, "yesterday" and "today". With this in mind, here is a summary of the time line.

Wednesday 19 August 1970. In the blukar, or secondary scrub, outside the school perimeter, 10-year-old Wigneswaran saw 25 tiny humanoids venture out of 25 tiny flying saucers, but just as he was getting closer for a better look, the school bell summoned him back to class. This would have been in the middle of the day. Later, after school (in the evening, said the paper) he and five other boys, aged 8 to 11, were playing "cops and robbers" in the same general area, when they saw a flying saucer the size of a soup plate land nearby. Out of it emerged five 3-inch-high humanoids, four of them clad in tight-fitting blue uniforms, and the one assumed to be the leader dressed in yellow. The boys ran away after they saw the little men installing an aerial on a tree.

Thursday 20 August. Some of them returned at half past 6 in the morning, and found the UFO parked a few yards from the original spot, with the little men still guarding it. It appears that it was on this occasion that 8-year-old Mohamed Ali was shot in the hand by some sort of tiny gun. After they reported it to the headmaster, he went out with another teacher, but found nothing. During the 11 o'clock recess Wigneswaran and his friend, Sulaiman, also aged 10, returned to the site. The UFO was gone, but the aerial was still there.

Nevertheless, it appears to have been the same day that Wigneswaran was found unconscious in the blukar and carried back to the school by some prefects. He told them he had encountered the same five entities again. Once more, the presumed leader was dressed in yellow and, unlike the others, possessed two "horns". When the boy tried to capture him, the creature shot him with a tiny gun, leaving a small red dot on his right leg. Then he fainted.

On the left is a smartened up version of the sketch 10-year-old Wigneswaran made of the yellow suited leader, which appeared on the front page of the newspaper. He also sketched the head of one of the hornless ones, plus the flying saucer. It was disc shaped, with a cupola, three supporting legs and, specifically, two ladders.

After school, two boys who hadn't been with the original group, T. Veerasingham (10) and A.

Devaraj (12) decided to investigate. They went to the site, and saw two entities, just 3 inches high, sitting in a tree. One of them was dressed in yellow, and carried what looked like a gun, but he had only one arm, the left. (What an unusual feature to make up!) When the boys tried to catch them, they simply vanished. The local police corporal, Mokhtar reported that, when his 7-year-old son, Mohamed Ariffin arrived home about 6.30 pm, he had a small cut on his left hand. He told his mother he had seen two tiny spacemen in the blukar, and when he tried to catch them, one of them shot him.

When I first read these bizarre stories, I imagined they were contagious confabulations ie once a story developed, it became part of a school boy "craze". Well, theoretically, some of the stories could have been invented after the first one was told. But is this the full explanation? They reported it to the headmaster. He didn't believe them (well, he couldn't, could he?) but he appears to have accepted that they believed it themselves. They were interviewed by the CID (Criminal Investigation Department), as well as the journalists - not to mention the parents of one of the boys. As I explained once before, children of this age find it hard to maintain a hoax, because they don't know adults' criteria for credibility. They will either destroy their testimony by adding outrageous flights of fantasy, or they will break down and confess. Considering the intense questioning the boys were subjected to, wouldn't you expect one of them to break? And what about the boy who fainted?

That appears to be the end of the phenomena at Bukit Mertajam, but on 24 August something similar occurred much farther south, at the town of Rawang, and this was also investigated by the police. At 10 a.m. a turtle shaped UFO the size of a car tyre, set with five "windows", landed in front of a school. Out came another five beings, also 3 inches tall, and this time four of them bore horn-like structures on their heads. There was no gun play this time, and when the children and many adults rushed towards them, they scurried back to their UFO and took off. This was reported in a Malay language newspaper, the Utusan Malaysia on 28 August 1970.

By and large, the local ufologists ignored the reports when they first came out. However, when they started to give them a fresh look in the late 1970s, they discovered a number of people who remembered

similar accounts in the press during the period August to November 1970. Here is a synopsis of these second hand reports.

- Alor Star. UFO landed at a primary school, and 3-inch occupants emerged. A schoolboy was shot in the hand when trying to capture one, and the UFO flew away.
- Ipoh. Another landing in a school compound, and tiny occupants emerged. They returned to the craft and took off when they encountered many schoolchildren.
- Kampung Pandan. Another landing of tiny ufonauts near a school - seen by children, and possibly some adults.
- Temerloh. Another landing near a school, and some shooting when the witnesses tried to capture one.

Finally, the ufologists were able to talk to a witness. A lady from Kampung Paya Kecil ('little swamp village') told them that, in November 1970, when she was 10 years old, she saw two entities, only 3 or 4 inches high, standing about 12 feet [$3\frac{1}{2}$ m] from her, in her bedroom, near a kerosene lamp. She could not describe them properly, because she was so terrified, she closed her eyes, and only after several minutes was she able to even cry for help. It would have been useful to know whether she had been asleep at any stage.

Reference: Ahmad Jamaludin (1983), 'A wave of small humanoids in Malaysia in 1970', *Flying Saucer Review*, 28(5): pp 24-27

It should be added that, three and a half years prior, Mr. Jamaludin produced a preliminary summary, in which incorrect dates were provided. It is noted, however, that two of them came, not from the Malaya Peninsula, but from Sarawak, on the northern coast of Borneo, and involved tiny beings but no UFO.

I really wish I had the full, original reports in front of me. If all this were some bizarre psychological manifestation, it would be almost as mysterious as real, flesh-and-blood micronauts. And if they really were figments of the imagination, where were the real aliens? Those with long memories will recall that the 1970s were the heyday of more realistically sized humanoids reported from all over the world, except Malaysia, where the micro ones apparently had a franchise.

I don't have any answer to all this, but I cannot believe there represent intelligent life forms from other planets.

To end up, let's look at a final report from Malaysia where the tiny folk definitely did not come out of a UFO. It was at the Sultan Sulaiman Primary School at Kuala Terengganu on 12 and 13 May 1991. An 8-year-old boy approached the outer fence and saw "hundreds of tiny people coming out of a hole near the drain of a housing estate". He tried to catch one, and was stabbed in the hand, leaving a bruise. They were only 6 cm [2½ inches] tall, all dressed in red, and he could see their faces perfectly. That was during the 3 o'clock recess. Later in the day, he saw another little one emerge from a hole at the foot of a tree. Two little girls, aged 8 and 10 respectively, also saw them in the same vicinity.

Microterrestrials vs Malaysia!

In what must be ranked as one of the weirdest UFO flaps in modern history, citizens of the Southeast Asian nation of Malaysia were besieged by a plethora of miniature flying saucers occupied by even more diminutive, tunic clad, antenna bearing occupants who were armed with searing ray-guns!

Covering an area of over 127,300 miles, Malaysia is a country that occupies two regions. The first borders Thailand on the Peninsular Malaysia and is separated from its sister country — Malaysian Borneo — by the South China Sea. The country has a rich tradition of legends and folklore, but few are as intriguing as the bizarre ufological phenomenon, which plagued this nation during the 1970s and into the 1980s.

In one of my previous articles for Mysterious Universe: "Close Encounters of the Weird Kind," I reported on all sorts of strange run-ins that people have claimed to have had with some of the wackiest aliens ever chronicled.

These odd visitors ranged from elephant-skinned robots to steel-toothed assailants to giant space brains, but between 1969 and 1985, Malaysia played host to an utterly unique breed of alien invader, which I've hastily dubbed: "micro-terrestrials." These micro-terrestrials were said to be clad in one piece suits or gaudily decorated tunics and purportedly stood between 3 and 6-inches in height (though there have been encounters with beings that measured a mere 1-inch high.)

Some reportedly had bigger heads and larger, more rounded eyes than average human beings, and most were said to be armed with what the witnesses described as "ray-guns."

Intriguingly, the 3-inch humanoids were specifically said to have two antenna-like structures protruding from the heads and in almost every case they were accompanied by what, at least to human eyes, must have seemed to have been miniature flying saucers, measuring no more than 3-feet in diameter. Even more disturbing was the fact that the nexus of their presumably nefarious activities tended to be schoolyards!

The first reported case of a micro-terrestrial encounter in Malaysia occurred in Johor Bahru, the densely populated capital city of Johor, on July 2nd, 1969. In a scene which must have been evocative of the 1994, Ariel School Aliens encounter in Ruwa, Zimbabwe four schoolboys ran into their headmaster's office and excitedly informed him that they had just seen a tiny silver UFO (reportedly no larger than a dinner plate) on school property.

Even more astoundingly they claimed to have seen five, 6-inch tall humanoid figures in red uniforms emerge from the craft. According to the boys, the moment these creatures noticed the growing audience they scuttled out of sight down a nearby hole as their flying saucer seemed to vanish into thin air.

Of course, it wasn't long before word of these doll-sized, crimson clad creatures spread throughout the school. In no time both students and teachers were scouring the vicinity in search of the enigmatic entities and their miniscule vehicle. Sadly, the search turned up nothing more than a small patch of burnt grass where, presumably, the UFO landed.

The second significant encounter with these lil' folk — and the first known report of these creatures being armed — occurred on August 19th, 1970, near the playground of the Stowell Primary School in Bukit Mertajam. Eyewitnesses claimed that they saw five, 3-inch tall humanoids march in a military fashion down the gangplank of a miniature flying saucer into the schoolyard.

Four of the beings wore identical blue uniforms while the fifth, who carried himself with the aura of one who seemed to be in charge, wore a bright yellow tunic decorated with stars and had a pair of “horns” or antennas on his head. At first the unusual entities seemed to ignore the onlookers and proceeded to climb a nearby tree where they erected an “aerial-like device” in its branches. The purpose of this device or even if it was recovered were facts that remain frustratingly unrecorded.

In no time a cluster of six boys advanced on the unexpected guests. The bravest of the bunch, one K. Wigneswaran, made a grab for the garishly clothed leader, but the alien astronauts were quick to defend themselves and wasted no time in drawing their “tiny laser pistols” and opening fire on the inquisitive children. The kids scattered in a panic and once the hubbub died down Wigneswaran would discover a scar on his thigh where he had been hit by the laser pistol.

This case would come to be indicative of a wave of encounters — wherein a curious kid would try and capture one of the “spacemen” resulting in said spaceman defending itself vigorously — which would quickly spread throughout Malaysia in the coming years.

It’s worth noting that in most of these cases there is a disturbing lack of specific names, dates and places on which to base further research. This is likely due to the fact that the primary source of these sightings is one Ahmad Jamaludin, who published his report on these strange occurrences in the November, 1979 edition of the MUFONUFO Journal, No. 141.

Jamaludin claimed that the facts in these cases are so scarce due to his inability to contact the primarily youthful witnesses: “The following alleged encounters, the full stories of which are incomplete since the principle witnesses cannot be located, are listed below.”

One must presume that Jamaludin has access to at least some additional information, but for reasons of brevity chose not to include them in his overview. Be that as it may, assuming these cases are true, they represent one of the most fascinating ufological flaps in history and one that, according to Jamaludin, was distinctly Malaysian:

“While other countries have been experiencing close encounters with humanoids of diversified forms, I would like to draw attention to the reports in Malaysia where humanoid encounters have been confined to only one type — tiny entities measuring from 3 inches to 6 inches in height. Though reports of the other UFO categories bear similarity to the global sightings, encounters with humanoids in Malaysia on the record so far are in a class of their own. There has not been a single reported incident of encounters with UFO occupants measuring taller than 6 inches in height. It is also to be noted that there has not been a single case of a UFO measuring greater than 3 feet in diameter landing on Malaysian soil. These observations constitute a puzzle, and if any explanations can be given it is hoped that some relationship with the global UFO landings may give a clue to the UFO phenomena.”

Things appeared to calm down after the initial Johor encounter, but in 1973 it must have seemed as if the entire country were about to be invaded by a mini-intergalactic armada.

The first big encounter of 1973 occurred in transit town in Pahang, which is located near the state capitol of Kuantan. The alleged aliens continued their alarming trend of landing on school grounds and this time would be seen not only by two students, but also a teacher!

Two young men would later insist that they had come into contact with a pair of 3-inch tall, humanoid creatures, one of which they managed to capture. The commotion these lads made over their quarry was so profound that a teacher walked over to see what all the fuss was about. According to the official report, said teacher saw this odd entity immediately before it made its escape.

That same year, a bunch of school children claimed that a puny UFO carrying undersized humanoids landed in a nearby field. Several kids hysterically called for their teachers, but the adults missed the craft's swift ascension by mere seconds.

The second report of one of these creatures being armed also came in 1973. The event began innocently enough with a group of boys playing soccer in a school field in Bukit Mertajam, the capital of Central Seberang Perai.

They young men testified that they watched in astonishment as a small UFO landed adjacent to the field in which they were playing. The boys quickly abandoned their game and ran over to inspect this curious interloper.

The youngsters claimed that a group of “tiny creatures” emerged from the object and — as in the Pahang case — an effort was made to capture the miniscule men. But, unlike the briefly incarcerated creature of Pahang, these small beings were apparently in no mood to be manhandled.

According to the kids’ tale, a “beam of light” was fired at the hand of the boy who lunged for the aliens. Information regarding what sort of mysterious device fired the “beam” and what (if any) damage was done has, unfortunately, been lost to time. Understandably, the UFO and its occupants took off within seconds of the alleged attack.

The next 1973 event happened in the city Miri, which is located in northern Sarawak, on the Malaysian portion of the island of Borneo. Intriguingly this is the first case that did not hail from the Peninsular Malaysia. Again a group of boys claimed to have spied a humanoid, approximately 6-inches in height and clad in a “white suit.” Intriguingly, they further claimed that the creature was cutting through a “wire fence” using an apparatus that emitted an “intense beam of light.”

Perhaps this was the same device that the previous aliens used to defend themselves against their gargantuan human assailants, but there is no information as to what transpired next. It should also be noted that no UFO was spotted at the scene.

The next encounter of that auspicious year also took place in Miri, Sarawak, but this account diverges from the rest in that it did not take place at a school and it involved more creatures and eyewitnesses than the usual encounter. The event began as several people — presumably children and adults — were frolicking on the sun-drenched tropical shoreline. It was then that they stumbled across “a group of tiny beings wearing white suits.”

The eyewitnesses claimed that there were at least six or seven humanoids. They further stated that the entities wore no masks and resembled humans in every way except for their tiny size, although they did not specify any ethnic affiliation. As if these additional details weren't tantalizing enough, this report is the first to state that the group of micro-terrestrials included both male and female members.

The females were notable for their longer hair and (presumably) other gender specific attributes. This encounter, much like the previous one, did not include a UFO sighting, but it is difficult not to assume that there is at least some tenuous connection between the tiny beings seen on the island of Borneo and those on the Peninsular Malaysia.

Sometime in 1975 or 1976, the New Straits Times of Kuala Lumpur published a report entitled: "Believe it or Not." This account detailed a bizarre of a tiny UFO — and it's even tinier 3-inch occupant — which allegedly touched ground at a Royal Malaysian Air Force Base located approximately 9-miles outside of the town of Kuantan. A translated excerpt from the article follows:

"Kuantan, Thursday – A 3-inch-tall creature said to resemble a human being, has become the talk of the RMAF base here since its reported sighting, by a schoolboy two days ago. The story has also spread to the town.

Paul Lazario, 9, a pupil of the RMAF Primary School said he saw the creature two days ago near a drain at the RMAF field. It was stopping to drink water, he added. 'I caught it but it escaped from my grip and ran into some undergrowth near the drain,' he said.

'It had two feelers on the head and held a steel-like rod in its hand. A pistol was hanging from its waist. It was brown in colour and looked like a man,' he added.

Paul said he related the incident to his friends and in the evening three of them went to the spot near the field. And according to schoolboy, Neo Lee Ann, 12, all three saw the creature moving about on the area. 'When it saw us, it ran into the undergrowth and disappeared' he said.

A teacher of the school, Mr. Yew Kim Guan, said when he heard the story he went to investigate. 'There was no sign of the creature in the area, but I saw a Red Indian-like wigwam beautifully weaved out of grass. It was partly crushed.'

The final major case in this first decade long flap occurred 6 years later in 1979, in same locale that the 1973 wave started, Bukit Mertajam. Apparently a small flying saucer landed in a field and when a group of youngsters approached they were flabbergasted to see a 3-inch tall creature emerge from the UFO.

As is evidently the trend with the fearless (or foolhardy) young men of Malaysia, an attempt was made by one of the boys on hand to capture the creature from outer space, but — much like in the first Bukit Mertajam case — the armed alien fired a “beam that temporarily paralyzed his right arm.” The reports conclude with the unexplained visitor from out of this world making its escape.

According to Jamaludin, there were seven reported landings in Malaysia between 1969 and 1979. He mentioned that all but two of the encounters took place during the day and described the similarities between the encounters in his official report:

“The creatures measured, in all cases, either 3 inches or 6 inches tall. All were equipped with a type of ray gun. They were described as well dressed in one-piece suits. Some had slightly larger head and round eyes. The 3-inch humanoids sometimes had two antenna-like structures protruding from the head. Case 1,2,3,4 and 7 occurred in West Malaysia, all reported by schoolchildren and all landings took place in school premises.”

Jamaludin even chronicled a 2-foot wide UFO encounter that happened near Kulim that resulted in yet another “attack” by these little extraterrestrials, but not a “humanoid” sighting:

“There were 3 more probable encounters with tiny humanoids in Malaysia, but unfortunately the origin of the incidents cannot be traced. One recent case, a probable landing, occurred on May 26, 1979, near Kulim where the witnesses, 3 boys and 2 adults, claimed to have sighted a small UFO hovering a few feet above the ground perhaps in an attempt to land since its three landing gears were already down. As the witnesses tried to touch the object an

intense light ray shone into their eyes which temporarily blinded them. This shows that the small UFO was intelligently controlled from inside. Considering its small size, estimated about 2 feet in diameter, the UFO occupants if any inside would have to measure about 3 inches tall to fit comfortably in the object."

Jamaludin would also go on to suggest the reason that he believes these creatures tend to focus on schoolyards has less to do with children and more with the open fields near the school's themselves:

"From the air, Malaysia offers half a dozen types of landing grounds, namely jungles, rubber and oil palm plantations, rice fields, tin mining areas, and football fields. For a landing the thick jungles and rubber plantations do not offer enough clearance. Rice fields and tin-mining areas are almost isolated, and if there were any landings, most would go unnoticed (considering also the small size of the UFO). The only landing spot that would attract attention in the event of a landing would be a field."

While the "official" flap ended in 1979, 1985 would prove to be a renaissance of sorts for the Malaysian micro-terrestrial. The first event occurred in Paka, Terengganu, in October of 1985. Much like in the previous cases, a group of school kids claimed to have encountered no less than seven "human-like entities" hiding beneath a stack of wood near their school.

The youthful witnesses described the beings as about 4-inches in height and further speculated that the party consisted of six men and one woman. It goes without saying that one of the children lunged out and managed to touch one of the beings, but unlike those who were struck by some sort of beam-like weapon, this youngster claimed that his hand suddenly became "itchy."

The "aliens" then disappeared into their lumber covered hiding spot. According to the reports, numerous folks dedicated hours to removing the wood piece by piece in the hopes of reacquiring these stealthy visitors, but their efforts were for naught.

The next event occurred at about 8.30 am. in December of that same year. Khairuddin Eidin — a 26 year-old bicyclist from Karak, Pahang — claimed that he spied an "umbrella" shaped UFO flying approximately 30-feet away from him. He described the object as "metallic" and "shiny." Several other eyewitnesses also claimed to see the object rotate and ascend out of sight. As prolific as the Malaysian reports would be, they weren't the only people claiming to encounter flight capable "wee folk."

In his book “UFOs Over California,” Preston Dennett claimed that there were two encounters in California with UFOs that were described as being the size of a “baseball.” These run-ins occurred in 1958 and 1976 respectively, and in the latter case eyewitnesses claimed to have seen three “things” inside the ball-like craft. It has to be assumed that these beings were even smaller than 3-inches, if they were able to comfortably traverse the universe — or even inter-dimensionally — in such a minute vehicle.

Speaking of minute mysteries, one would be remiss not to include the incredible case of the tiny humanoid that was allegedly discovered alive in Chile.

According to this fascinating report, on October 1st, 2002 — while vacationing in the Southern Chilean city of Concepción — young Julio Carreño and his family discovered a strange-looking creature lurking around in some dense foliage.

The humanoid being measured out to be 7.2 centimeters long (approximately 3-inches) and bore a relatively large head, two arms with unnaturally long fingers and two, apparently bipedal, legs.

Julio managed to capture the creature and wrapped it in a piece of paper. The family claimed that this aberration of nature survived for over a week and even managed to open its eyes before succumbing.

It wasn't long before this curious carcass became a media sensation and scientists from across the globe have debated the origins of this little guy, with some speculating that it might be a fetus from a known animal such as a mouse, possum or wild cat. Others, however, are not so sure.

There are some who believe that the Chile humanoid may represent an unknown species of primate, while others of a more eccentric bent presume the remains to be those of an alien that did not manage to survive the ordeals of the Chilean jungle.

While Asians, North and South Americans have all claimed to have had encounters with various breeds of teensy space invaders, it should be noted that there have been a handful of unusual mini-humanoid sightings, one in particular, which seemed to end on a particularly sour note for the ostensibly alien visitor.

In 2009, in Lahore, Pakistan, a 4-inch human-like alien was allegedly found alive in the debris of an old store that was being rebuilt. The creature flopped around in a fish-like manner and local children threw stones at it, assuming that it was a dangerous animal. Eventually the creature was captured by locals who — one can only hope — accidentally killed it when trying to secure it inside a bottle.

News of the strange cadaver swiftly spread through the town and witnesses gathered to see the little body, which — according to the report — shriveled and burned in the searing Lahore sun (or by placing it on hot rocks, depending on which report you read.) Clips of the odd body and the Pakistani news report are on YouTube.

The locals claimed that they wanted the corpse to be examined by “medical” officials. Whether or not that has transpired is unknown, but I’ve got to admit that it looks like a bit of a cob job on a plastic toy to me, but, then again, you never know.

So what should one make of this strange phenomenon? Does it just prove that aliens really do come in all shapes and sizes or are we dealing with hyper-futuristic time travelers who, for reasons incomprehensible to us, must shrink themselves in order to make the arduous journey?

Are these just the small scout ships for a grand — albeit relatively tiny — alien armada, hellbent on the enslavement of humanity or are they merely mild mannered explorers who can’t understand why these strange giants are constantly attacking them?

Or, when all is said and done, is all of this merely a schoolboy prank that spread like out of control wildfire with copycat reports popping up all across Malaysia?

According to Jamaludin, the primary investigator of this phenomenon, skeptics should give these young witnesses the benefit of the doubt. He also indicated that if these encounters are genuine, they represent just the tip of a colossal, mysterious, iceberg:

“At the time of writing I have documented 24 cases: about 50 percent of the tiny entities were sighted with their little UFOs, and the remainder without the UFOs. If we reject these claims as hallucination or hoaxes, then I can close shop with this UFO business since there is nothing to report of significance. If we were to accept that the young witnesses were reporting what they actually saw, then we have a very important clue to work with.”

Either way it's hard not to speculate that a great number of UFO sightings may well go unreported due to the fact that sky watchers are generally on the lookout for colossal mother ships rather than model-sized vehicles. Whatever the answer to this fascinating enigma may be, there are few who would argue that micro-terrestrial reports — be they cosmic or Earthbound — represent a fascinating and perplexing puzzle for ufologists and fortune investigators worldwide.

The 1973 Pascagoula Alien Abduction

On the night of October 11, 1973, co-workers Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker were fishing on the Pascagoula River in Mississippi when the two men suddenly heard a hissing sound coming behind them. When they turned around, they saw an oval-shaped craft hovering in the air and flashing blue lights. A door on the craft opened, and three robot-like creatures floated down toward Hickson's and Parker's boat. The creatures were about 5 feet tall, with gray wrinkled skin, clawed hands, and slits for eyes and a mouth.

The two men found themselves paralyzed and unable to resist being grabbed by the creatures. Parker fainted at this point, and they were then floated up into the spaceship with their abductors. According to Hickson, he was taken into a room full of light and examined by an oval-shaped probe that circled around his body. When the probe had finished its examination, the creatures floated out of the room and then floated Hickson back outside after 20 minutes. Hickson found Parker on the shore, crying and praying. The spaceship then left, and Hickson and Parker went into their car to calm down and try to make sense of what happened.



Charles Hickson (left) and Calvin Parker (right). (Image source/credit here.)

Although afraid that nobody would believe them, Hickson and Parker called the Kessler Air Force Base, which recommended that they report the incident to the

local sheriff. At first, the sheriff and his deputies were skeptical and thought the men were drunk. When they left Hickson and Parker alone in a room with a secret tape recorder, however, they continued to talk as though the experience were real. At one point, Hickson told Parker, “It scared me to death too, son. You can’t get over it in a lifetime. Jesus Christ have mercy.”

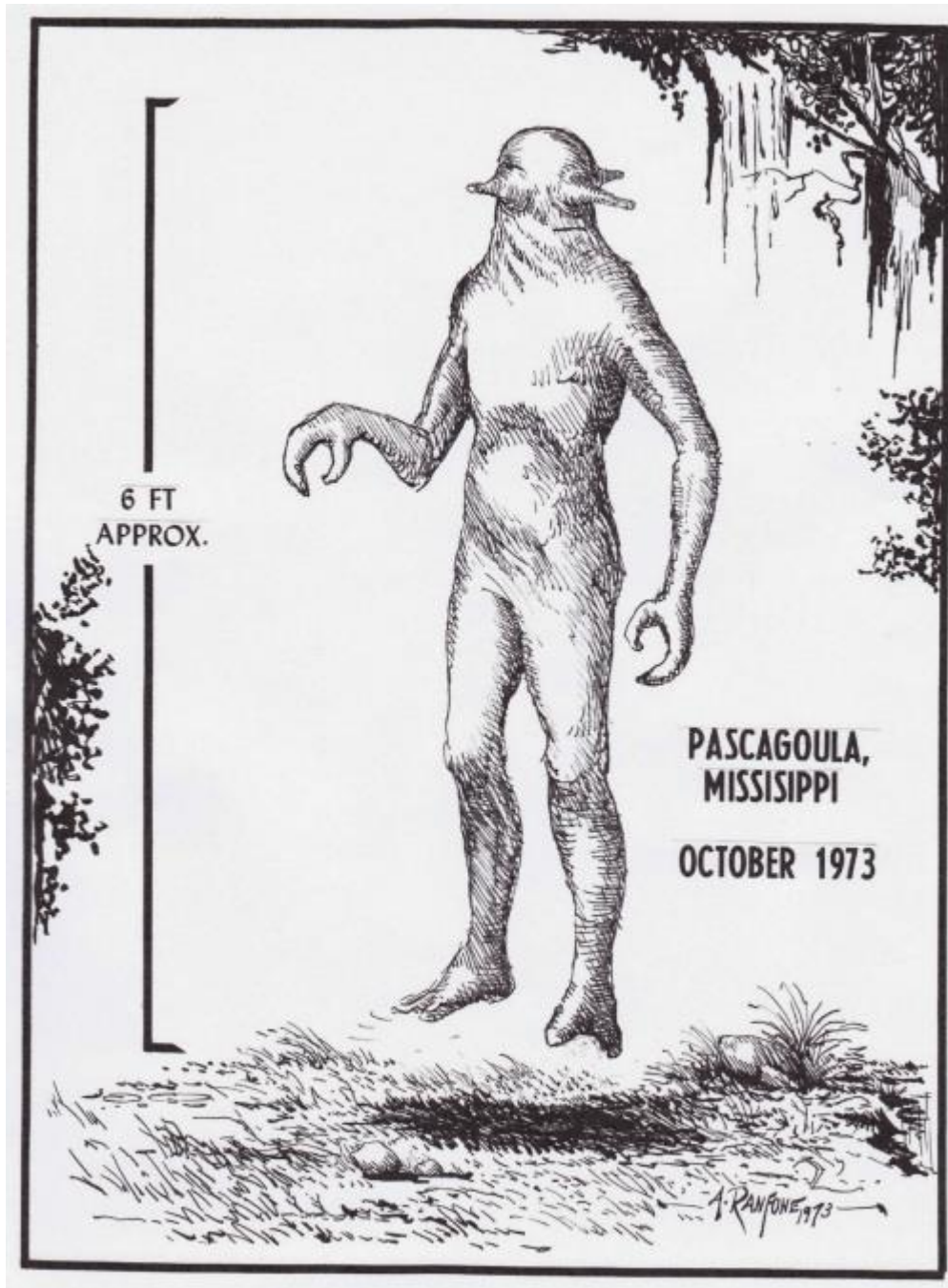
The story appeared on local newspaper headlines the next day, and soon news reporters and UFO investigators were crawling all over Pascagoula and harassing Hickson and Parker at their workplace. Hundreds of UFO sightings in Mississippi were reported in the next couple of weeks, including an encounter by some Coast Guardsmen with a glowing object moving underwater in the Pascagoula River.

While Parker initially tried to keep his distance from the incident, Hickson gave media interviews and lectures about his experience, even visiting local schools. In 1983, he published “UFO Contact at Pascagoula” with investigator William Mendez, a full-fledged (and rare) book about the encounter and three incidents of psychic telecommunication he said that he received in 1974. Until he passed away in September 2011, Hickson continued to insist that the story was true and that the creatures he saw were peaceful aliens concerned about the earth.



Drawing of the Pascagoula aliens.

After participating in some hypnotic sessions, Parker recovered vague memories about what had happened that night. Unlike Hickson, he was wary of the attention he attracted, and eventually moved out of the state. Over the past two decades, he has become more open to interviews and has even participated in UFO conventions.



Drawing of a Pascagoula alien.

So what have skeptics had to say about the Pascagoula incident? Hickson's and Parker's story made a big splash in national media back in 1973, and some of the biggest names in the UFO investigation community, like J. Allen Hynek and

James Harder, believed that the men were telling the truth. While Hickson and Parker did pass lie-detectors, there were inconsistencies in the interviews Hickson gave to the media. Much of the story, in fact, had come from Hickson, since Parker said he passed out. Nobody else in the area, including drivers on a well-used highway, claimed to have seen the UFO.

In an interesting article for the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, noted paranormal investigator and debunker Joe Nickell suggests that the whole abduction was a vivid hallucination by Hickson. Hickson had drunk some whiskey after the abduction to soothe his nerves, and Nickell suspects that he and Parker might have been drinking before the incident. They fell asleep afterward, but Hickson suffered an episode of hypnagogia, a state of consciousness in which a person is in between sleeping and waking up. Hypnagogic episodes often involve the experiences of paralysis, seeing lights, and feeling as though one is floating. While Parker might not have had a hypnagogic episode himself, he might have been influenced by Hickson and the hypnotic sessions he had undergone.

FALKVILLE METAL MAN



Falkville Metal Man

While reports of alien encounters seem to be a dime a dozen, there are very few photographs of what eyewitnesses purport to be the actual extraterrestrial beings that they made contact with. The case of the Falkville Metal Man is one of those rare exceptions; and, to make matters even more intriguing, the pictures were taken by none other than the police chief who had been sent out to investigate a reported UFO landing and got much more than he bargained for!

On the soft, autumn evening of October 17, 1973, Jeff Greenhaw then 26-year old chief of police of Falkville, Alabama was just settling in with his wife for a well deserved night of rest when he received an emergency call just after 10 pm. Little

could he have imagined at the time that this phone call would change his life forever.

The call was from a nearly hysterical and to this day anonymous woman who claimed that a Unidentified Flying Object had landed just outside of town in a field that was owned by Bobby Summerford. Thus began arguably the second most bizarre case of an alien encounter to come out of the American South in that very same month! The first one, of course, being the infamous case of the freakish and ostensibly inter-galactic kidnappers known as the PASCAGOULA ALIEN ABDUCTORS.



Police Chief Jeff Greenhaw

Although he was off duty, Greenhaw abiding by his sworn duty to protect and serve jumped up, snagged his keys, cuffs, revolver and, almost as an afterthought, his trusty Polaroid camera on the off chance that there might be something worth taking a shot of. He then hopped into his truck, radioed the call in and flew to the location of the alleged flying saucer landing.

When Greenhaw arrived on the scene he got out of his truck and patrolled the area, but claimed to find nothing out of the ordinary. The chief then returned to his vehicle and decided to take drive around the field before returning home. Greenhaw cruised around the perimeter of Summerford's property, scanning the darkness for anything unusual, but saw nothing of note in the murky blackness.

He then turned down a narrow, gravel path for one final pass... that was when he came face to face with the unthinkable.



Falkville Metal Man



Pascagoula Alien Abductors

After traveling down the trail for about a hundred yards, Greenhaw saw an entity that he described as a “*humanoid figure*” standing next to the road, about 75-feet away. The chief got out of his truck and carefully approached the the figure, thinking that it may be someone in need of assistance.

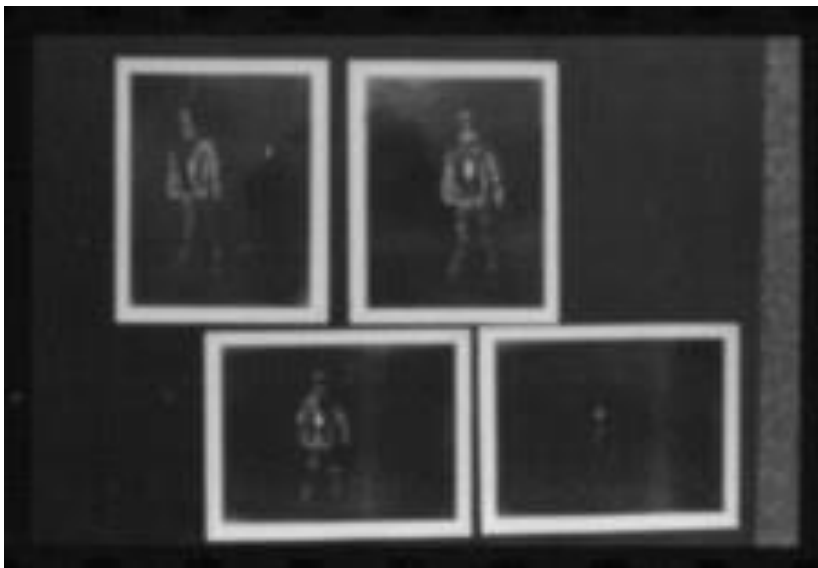
Greenhaw shouted to his strange companion, but it did not respond. As he got to within 15-feet of the being that was now brilliantly illuminated in his truck’s high-beams, the chief realized that something was very wrong. The entity appeared to be wearing some kind of silvery, metallic suit that resembled thick aluminum foil.

Some reports also indicate that the Metal Man’s stature was somewhat small and child-like or even simian; not unlike a monkey in a spacesuit. Greenhaw described what he saw:

“It looked like his head and neck were kind of made together... he was real bright, something like rubbing mercury on nickel, but just as smooth as glass. different angles give different lighting... when I saw him standing in the middle of the road I immediately stopped the car and asked if he was a foreigner, but no sound came out of his mouth.”

Greenhaw also noted that the thing had an antenna sticking out from the top of its head and that its movements were jerky and mechanical. It's worth noting that the description of this apparently neck-less, wrinkled skin, antenna bearing, “*robotic*” entity is not unlike Charles Hickson’s observation of the aforementioned PASCAGOULA ALIEN ABDUCTORS, who according to eyewitness testimony snatched Hickson and his young friend Calvin Parker from a quiet riverside in Mississippi, just days before the Falkville event.

Is it possible that Greenhaw encountered the same extraterrestrial entities that allegedly abducted the two Mississippi dock workers on the evening of Thursday October 11, 1973? It would be curious to note whether or not Parker or Hickson had ever seen the Falkville photos and what their opinions of them were if indeed they had.



Metal Man original Polaroids

It didn't take long for the shocked Greenhaw realized that he was dealing with something completely beyond his experience and pushing his panic aside with great effort aided by years of police training he had the presence of mind to pick up his instant camera and shoot four photographs of the entity in question.

The first Polaroid shows nothing but inky darkness and a flash of silver, but the next three images hit the jackpot. In the photos one can clearly see a humanoid figure wearing a wrinkly, metallic suit or outer casing which reflected the flash from the Polaroid's bulb.

Perhaps believing that it was being attacked by a human with some kind of “*light-beam*” weapon, the creature instantaneously turned and began sprinting across the field at speeds far in excess of those capable by human beings. Greenhaw noted that it seemed to be heading in the general direction of Lacon, which is about three miles away from Falkville. The chief reacted swiftly, darted back to his truck and took off in hot pursuit of the metal man.



Kinnula Humanoid

Greenhaw would state that he managed to accelerate his truck only to about 35 MPH due to the rough terrain of the field, but that he was still completely outrun by this unusual entity, which — not unlike Finland’s KINNULA HUMANOID, West Virginia’s VEGETABLE MAN or even London’s notorious SPRING HEELED JACK seemed to be able to defy the laws of gravity with its speed and and spectacular, logic-defying leaps. According to Greenhaw:

“(He) ran in a bizarre way... seemed to have springs in the feet for propulsion, could cover about three meters in every way... He was running faster than any human I ever saw.”

During this frantic off-road pursuit, Greenhaw claims he lost control of his truck and slid into a ditch. At which point he watched as the creature slipped into the darkness never to be seen again; leaving Greenhaw with only his haunting memories and a series of controversial Polaroid photos.

Unlike Hickson and Parker, who seemed (for better or worse) to be destined for fame following their alien encounter in Pascagoula, Greenhaw’s experience was instantly met with skepticism, derision and, at times, outright ridicule.

Within months of revealing his bizarre encounter, the Chief or police was terminated by the town council, his marriage fell apart and just when it must have seemed as if matters couldn’t get any worse his home was burned to the ground.

All of the above factors along with the usual spate of UFO conspiracy theories have thrown kerosene on the already brightly burning flames of controversy

surrounding this event and, more to the point, give a clear indication as to why most contactees and eyewitnesses remain silent regarding their unusual experiences.



Asbestos firefighting suit

Some ufologists believe that the Metal Man was a robotic scout for what may have been an extraterrestrial landing craft; while skeptics maintain that it was all a hoax perpetrated by Greenhaw and an unknown accomplice perhaps a child, due to the apparent height of the entity who was clad in a tin foil costume or, perhaps more ambitiously, an asbestos fire suit (which are coated in a layer of reflective aluminum) was used to create the unusual look of the creature.

The images that Greenhaw snapped were collected and sent for analysis by Walt Andrus, a director of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network). The conclusion drawn by the analysts was that the encounter was most likely a fabrication probably inspired by all the furor surrounding the recent Pascagoula case.



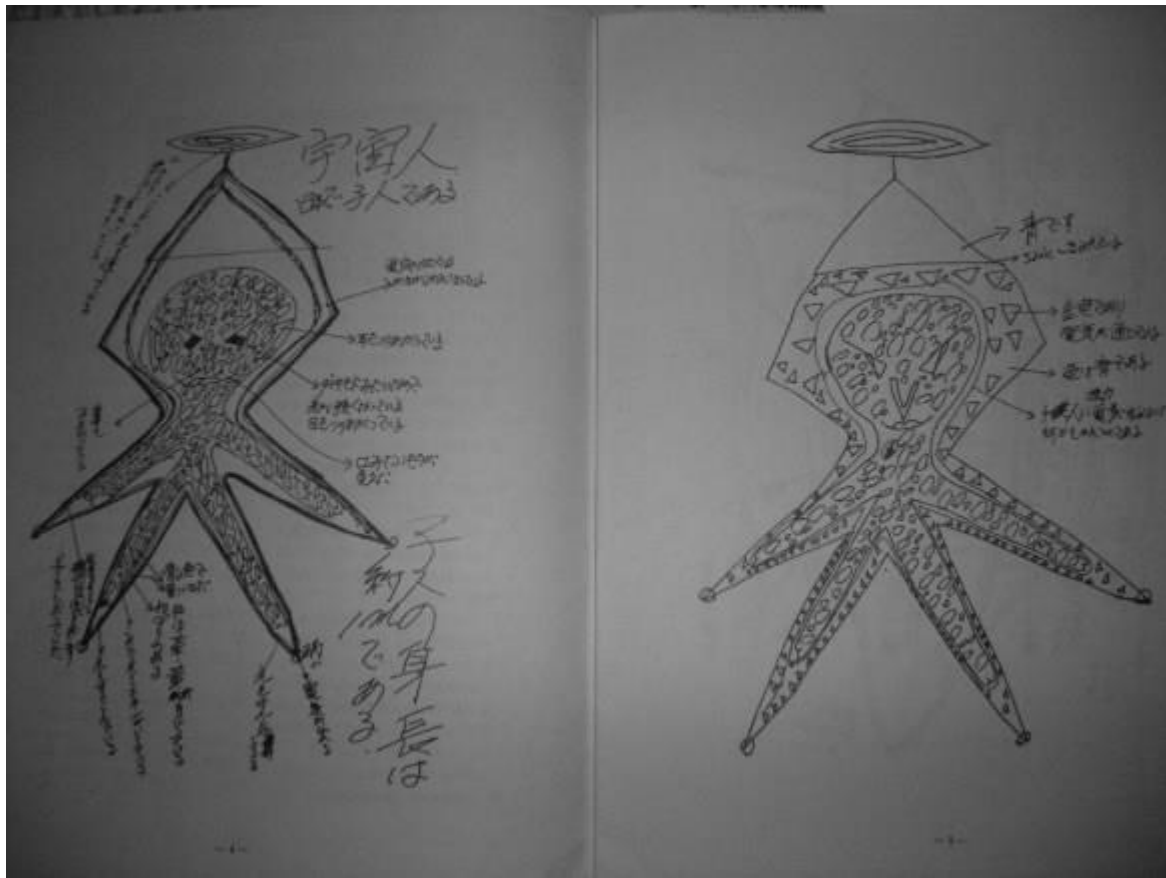
MUFON's Falkville contact sheet

Interestingly the negatives of the Greenhaw pictures that were studied by MUFON seem to show images of a “*flying saucer*” among them, although Greenhaw never claimed to have photographed the object initially reported. Perhaps the pictures on the contact sheet represent another MUFON case unrelated to the Falville incident; or (as so often seems to be the case in both authentically unexplained events or outright hoaxes) maybe there’s more to this story than has been previously told.

While it is virtually impossible to ascertain whether or not this is a real close encounter or a fraud, it seems clear that Chief Greenhaw garnered no financial gain or positive notoriety (even though the encounter has been mention in numerous books detailing alleged alien encounters) due to his experience and, while he has managed to rebuild some semblance of a normal life, all reports indicate that he continues to regret his encounter with this unknown.

To this day, however, Greenhaw and his supporters insist that the images in question represent a genuine non-human entity and that whatever it was the Chief of police encountered on that autumn evening back in 1973 was not of this world.

Bipedal Octopus Dwarves from Beyond The Star



Drawings by Yoshihiro Fujiwara of the aliens he saw in 1974.

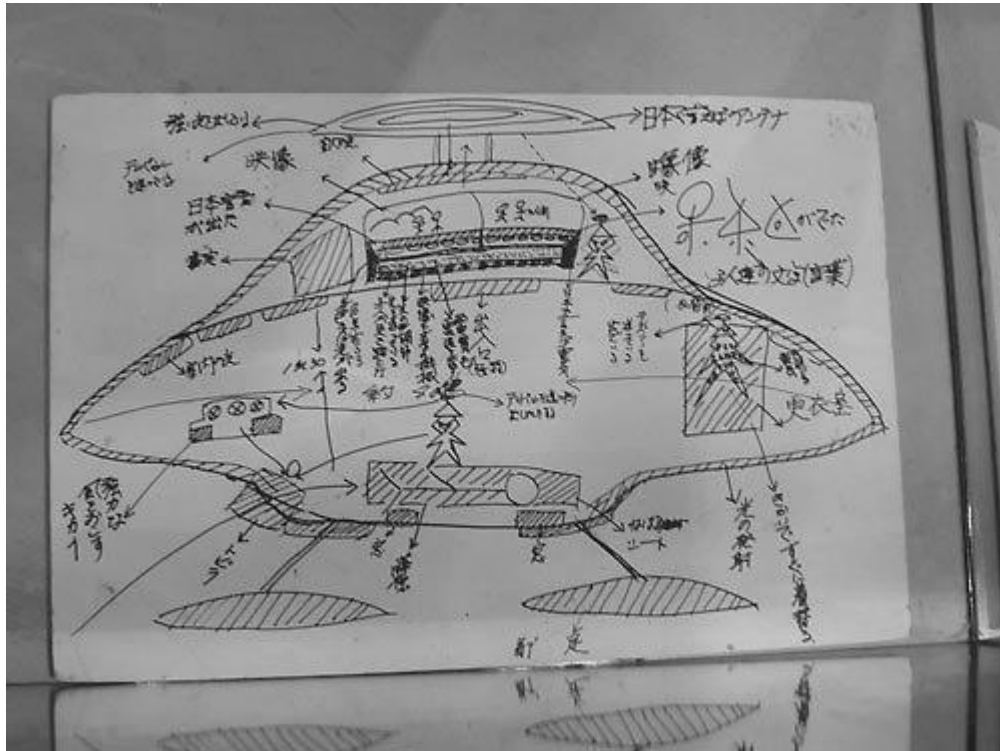
Part of the fun in reading UFO stories, at least for me, is the descriptions of the aliens themselves. Outside of the usual grays and reptilians, I've heard stories of aliens who resemble robots, praying mantises, elves, demons, and perhaps freakiest of all, Scandinavians. When there are pictures of the weirder ones available, I save them to a folder on my computer. Lately, I've had the pleasure of adding a new species to my collection: bipedal octopus dwarves.

The fine creatures you see above come to us from The Nikoro Incident, a series of encounters that took place in Japan in April 1974. According to an article from a contemporary ufology magazine, Yoshihiro Fujiwara was a 28-year-old man who lived in Kitami, a city in Hokkaido. On April 6, 1974, at 3 AM, Fujiwara's sleep was disturbed by a sound in his *genkan*, the traditional entryway in a Japanese home.

When Fujiwara went to investigate the sound, he found that his visitor was a three foot tall alien. Though he tried to make a run for it, Fujiwara was suddenly

whisked off his feet and levitated to an orange-colored UFO hovering over a field outside.

Once he got to the UFO, Fujiwara was able to jump off and run to a neighbor's house for help. Nothing out of the ordinary happened again until the evening, when Fujiwara developed psychic abilities. He now had the awe-inspiring power of bending spoons, and he could also talk to the aliens he saw earlier by telepathy. After two days, and what had to have been a countless number of mind-texts, the aliens told Fujiwara that they wanted to meet again.



A drawing by Yoshihiro Fujiwara of the UFO he saw and later rode in.

At 6:30 PM that night, Fujiwara and two of his friends showed up at the assigned meeting spot, Nikoro Mountain. For whatever reason, Fujiwara's pals stayed behind, and he went into the mountain alone. There he was picked up by the UFO for a second time, and treated to a trip to outer space. In only an hour-and-a-half, Fujiwara was flown around the moon once, circled around the Earth twice, and then sent back home.

Once back on Earth, Fujiwara's charitable hosts threw his ass out to the ground so hard that he lost consciousness. Fortunately, he was rescued by a search party, and was apparently well enough to get picked up again on April 13. On this last trip, Fujiwara was flown to a planet that the aliens identified as Jupiter. For proof, he was given an ultra rare Jupiter rock, presumably the only one on the giant gas planet.

Kinichi Arai, the author of my source here, offered some evidence in his article to corroborate Fujiwara's outlandish account. The night of Fujiwara's first encounter, for example, a junior high school student named Miyuki Fujita was woken up by a light shining outside her window. Fujita didn't get up to see where the light was coming from, but she said it was brighter than the moon. Among other things, there were also witnesses who claimed to see Fujiwara's spoon bending powers and the UFO.

Briefly poking through this case, however, The Nikoto Incident isn't credible at all. Spoon bending has been repeatedly debunked as an illusion, and though witnesses might have backed up Fujiwara's UFO, they had no physical evidence. The biggest hole in the story, of course, comes from the third encounter. As everyone knows, Jupiter is a gas planet, and testing showed that Fujiwara's ultra rare Jupiter rock was actually an extremely common Earth one.

Though it grieves me to say it, bipedal octopus dwarves from beyond the stars don't really exist. On the bright side, at least I have a cool new picture in my folder.

Billy Meier Pleiadian Contacts

Eduard Albert Meier (born February 3, 1937) is a Swiss citizen who is the source of many controversial photographs of alleged unidentified flying objects (UFOs), which he presents in support of his claim that he is in contact with extraterrestrial beings. He also presented other controversial material during the 1970s such as metal samples, sound recordings and film footage. Meier reports regular contacts with extraterrestrials; he calls the Plejaren. Meier claims that the Plejaren look similar in appearance to humans, that the Plejaren home world is called Erra, and that it is located in a dimension which is a fraction of a second shifted from our own dimension, about 80 light years beyond the Pleiades, an open star cluster. The Plejaren were given the name Pleiadians by Meier up to 1995



beam ship

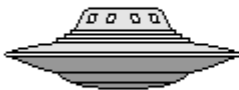
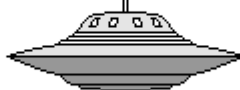





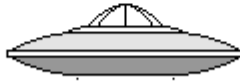

A farmer born in the town of Bulach in the Swiss Lowlands, Eduard "Billy" Meier's claimed his first extraterrestrial contacts occurred in 1942 at the age of five with an elderly extraterrestrial human man named Sfath. Contacts with Sfath lasted until 1953.

From 1953 to 1964 Meier's contacts continued with an extraterrestrial human woman named Asket Meier says that after an eleven year break, contacts resumed again (beginning on January 28, 1975) with an extraterrestrial human woman named Semjase the granddaughter of Sfath.

In his teens, Meier joined the French Foreign Legion but says he soon left and returned home. He traveled extensively around the world pursuing spiritual exploration, covering some forty-two countries over twelve years. In 1965 he lost his left arm in a bus accident in Turkey.

In 1966 he met and married a Greek woman, Kalliope, with whom he has three children. The nickname "Billy" came by way of an American friend who thought Meier's cowboy style of dress reminded her of "Billy the Kid". This anecdote was told by Meier himself in an interview with Bob Zanotti of Swiss Radio International in June, 1982. (BZ, 1/08).

Meier has accumulated a large collection of controversial photographs showing alleged spaceships (called beamships) as well as alleged extraterrestrials (humanoids called the Plejaren). Meier says that the Plejaren gave him permission to photograph and film their beamships in order to produce some of the evidence for extraterrestrial visitation.

Beamships used by the Pleiadian races. Image created using the bitmap program from line drawings in the Billy Meier case in 'UFO Contact From The Pleiades' by Wendelle Stevens.		
Pleiadian Type 1 7 Meter Diameter 3 Person Crew  Reddish bottom Emits humming sound	Pleiadian Type 2 7 Meter Diameter 3 Person Crew  White top dome Reddish/orange ports	Pleiadian Type 3 7 Meter Diameter  Gold/silver finish Dimensional travel
Pleiadian Miniscout 5 Meter Diameter 1 Person Crew  Dark gray metallic Atmospheric only	Pleiadian Drone 3.5 Meter Diameter Pilotless robot  Silver/gold finish Reddish bottom ring	Large Pleiadian Ship ~20 Meter Diameter  18 ports around rim Red/orange bottom
Lyrian Beamship 7 Meter Diameter 3 Person Crew  Dull gray sections Sits on light beam	Vegan Beamship 8 Meter Diameter  Silver/gray finish Sits on efflux	DAL Universe Ship ~8 Meter Diameter  Silver/metal finish Lands flat on ground

Meier's claims are disputed by UFO skeptics as well as some UFO enthusiasts. Many Meier proponents and believers exist among UFO enthusiasts, and his evidence has seen increased exposure through the efforts of an American representative, Michael Horn, who has appeared on popular late-night paranormal programs such as Coast to Coast AM.

Beginning in 1975, Meier allegedly began his official contacts ("official" in that evidence was to be provided publicly, unlike earlier contacts), communicating

both directly (face-to-face) and by telepathy with a core group of the Pleiadians/Plejaren, or Errans as he also refers to them (Erra being their home planet), who gave their names as Ptaah, Semjase, Quetzal, and Pleja, among numerous others. According to Meier in the video documentary 'Contact', his first contact with extraterrestrials began on January 28, 1975.



semjase

These visitors reportedly hail from the Plejares star system which is beyond the Pleiades and in a dimension that is a fraction of a second in the future from our own (an alternate timeline). These Plejaren have allegedly afforded Meier a more interesting sampling of evidence than that derived from most such encounters, including highly detailed photography, videos, multi-toned sound recordings, the temporary use of a weapon which he employed for trial on a nearby tree, and metal alloy samples.

Meier claimed the visitors charged him with certain informational and consciousness-raising tasks. As he undertook this mission, he met with a great deal of scorn and assassination attempts. Some of these were allegedly initiated by hostile extraterrestrial entities and subsequently defeated largely through the intervention of his Plejaren friends. Meier allegedly was uncomfortable with the megalomaniacal associations some would attach to his role as a representative (such as use of the term "prophet", e.g.) but he undertook the effort nonetheless.

In 1975 he established the Freie Interessengemeinschaft fŷr Grenz- und Geisteswissenschaften und Ufologiestudien ("Free Community of Interests for the Fringe and Spiritual Sciences and UFOlogical Studies") , or FIGU, a non-profit organization for the benefit of researchers into this field, and headquartered it at the Semjase Silver Star Center.

Meier claims that he was instructed to transcribe his conversations with various extraterrestrials, some of which have been published in the German language. These books are referred to as the Contact Notes or Contact Reports.

Currently there are nine published volumes of the Contact Reports (titled Plejadisch-Plejarische Kontaktberichte). Some of the Contact Reports were translated into English, extensively edited and expurgated, and published in the out-of-print four-volume set *Message From The Pleiades* by Meier case investigator Wendelle Stevens.

Meier's alleged discussions with the Plejarens are highly detailed and wide-ranging, dealing with subjects ranging from spirituality and the afterlife to the dangers of mainstream religions, human history, science and astronomical phenomena, ecology and environmental dangers, in addition to prophecies of future historic trends and events.

An additional aspect of the Meier case is the highly controversial book the Talmud Immanuel. It is said to be the translation of ancient Aramaic scrolls that were discovered by Meier and a colleague in Jerusalem in 1963. The book claims to be the original teachings and life events of the man named Immanuel. Extensive study has been made of the book by James Deardorff.

Some of the most important evidence for Meier's claims come from his large collection of controversial photographs. These include images of alleged spacecraft in the Swiss countryside, the Apollo-Soyuz 1975 docking and distant astronomical phenomena. Supporters insist that the images are exceptionally high quality and that a one-armed man could not possibly have fabricated them.

Critics such as Stanton Friedman and Jacques Vallee believe them to be fakes. Some critics have provided examples of similar faked photos and have pointed out that some of his photos are taken from science fiction books, paintings and television programs.

Meier claims that these photos were altered by intelligence agencies and slipped into his collection in order to discredit his UFO testimony. Other allegations include focus and light-direction problems consistent with cut-and-paste and model techniques.

The metal alloy samples are said to have been given to Meier by the Plejarens and then passed on to Wendelle Stevens who then had them tested by chemist Marcel Vogel. Vogel said that in his view the samples could not have been made by means of contemporary earthly metallurgy as they were apparently produced via cold fusion. Vogel also stated that the metal vanished from the IBM laboratory not long after his work was completed which prevented other scientists from performing their own analyses on it.

As recounted in the unabridged version of *Message from the Pleiades*, Vol. 2, Meier was taken back in time by the extraterrestrial Asket where he met personally with Immanuel, alleged to be the real Jesus, and who told Meier that Meier's evolution was higher than that of Immanuel himself, saying, "Truly, your evolution has proceeded for 2000 years further, which fact I have not considered." . The contact with Immanuel lasted for four days after which Meier was returned to the present time.

Talmud Immanuel (TI) is a purported ancient text in Aramaic that the Swiss UFO contactee Billy Meier, along with an ex-Greek Orthodox priest named Isa Rashid, claimed to have discovered south of the Old City of Jerusalem in 1963. According to Meier, Isa Rashid kept the manuscript and sent him the translation in 1974. The first edition in German came out in 1978. It is described by its promoters as the source text (often termed the Logia, or the Q document) of the Gospel of Matthew, which is claimed to demonstrate extraterrestrial origins for the Bible. The spelling Immanuel was allegedly commanded to Meier by extraterrestrials.



Talmud Immanuel

We have partaken in the endgames of a Holographic Experiments we are prophecies of old combine with predictions in our current timeline that will lead

to the same conclusion ... Reality is evolving. There are many prophecies based on information given through ... channeling ... messages after contacts with aliens dreams and intuition.

Billy Meier repeatedly warns of an impending Third World War beginning in November 2006, 2008, 2010, or 2011. He has also denounced the terroristic activities and vigilante behavior of various Muslim extremist groups, which he says only foment the possibility for war.

At one time, Meier suggested November, 2006 as the most likely start of World War III, then revised the date to November, 2008, a period that has also now passed. In any case, Meier states that, in an approaching year, four world leaders will die within seven days of one another, giving a clear sign that within a mere 2 years of these events the long-feared world war will indeed erupt - that is unless terrestrials finally gain mastery over their reason and change their behavior, insisting that these prophecies are all subject to change, as opposed to inevitabilities. [Read More ...](#)

Billy Meier also takes us to the Hnoch Prophecies which basically make the same predictions as all others which name this as the end of this cycle of time and return to light and consciousness. As with all channel theories, if humanity gets their act together things will end well if not they have pretty much doomed. That is a self fulfilling prophecy because we live in an electromagnetic bipolar reality that is programmed as such. Balance will never happen and therefore the hologram of our reality terminates.

Hunted By Aliens: The Higdon Ordeal

By all accounts 41 year-old oil well driller, husband and father of four, Carl Higdon, was not a man prone to flights of fancy, but on the crisp autumn afternoon of October 25, 1974, he had a close encounter with a bizarre being who would not only test the limits of his imagination, but quite literally take him on the ride of his life.

Like many Americans in the 1970s, the hardworking Carl Higdon was hit hard by the recession. As food prices crept ever higher, Higdon decided that he would have to hunt in order to feed his family and stock their icebox with enough meat to get them through the harsh Wyoming winter that was just around the corner. It would be during one such expedition that Higdon would go from being the hunter to becoming the hunted.

THE HUNTER, THE ELK AND THE ALIEN



The day began like any other. Higdon awoke and was getting ready for his 2nd shift work day at the AM Wells Service Company in Riverton, when his telephone rang. After working his way up through the company for the better part of 20- years, Higdon was now the foreman, and therefore it fell to him to take “*sick calls*” from his crew. He described the situation:

“I was all set to leave for work when one of my key men phoned to tell me that he was sick. Realizing that nothing could be accomplished with him at home, I decided to take the day off.”

Having committed to not going in to work, Higdon decided to utilize his unexpectedly free afternoon by using it to hunt for elk. With his plan in place, the oil man packed his gear into his company pick-up and began heading towards McCarthy Canyon in nearby Carbon County. It was then that a random act of kindness would forever change his destiny.

While cruising toward McCarthy Canyon, Higdon spied a pair of stranded motorists working on their immobile van. The Good Samaritan pulled over and helped them repair their vehicle. During the course of their conversation the duo revealed that they were also hunters and they knew of a place where there was much more game than Higdon’s current destination. Higdon recounted the encounter:

“I pulled in front of them and helped them. During our chat, they told me the hunting was much better farther back in a remote section of the Medicine Bow National Forest.”

Higdon thanked his fellow hunters and without delay decided to change his course and begin driving toward the northern region of Medicine Bow National Park, which is located just 40-miles south of his home in Rawlins. Higdon arrived at the park in the late afternoon. Once there he was surprised to bump into an old buddy:

“Around four o’clock, I parked my two-wheel-drive on a knoll and pulled out my thermos to pour a cup of coffee. An old friend, Gary Eaton, walked over to where I had stopped and together we surveyed the area. After a few minutes, Gary told me he was going on higher up into the forest. Jokingly he suggested he might scare down some elk for me.”

Higdon and his compatriot then separated, at which point the hunter pulled out his brand new Magnum rifle and loaded it with powerful 7mm bullets. Higdon decided to explore an area that was concealed behind a hill and set off... never imagining what would happen next.

Higdon walked for a few minutes and then, out of the corner of his eye, he caught a flash of movement. It was exactly what it was he had come for a small herd of elk. Higdon silently raised his heavy rifle, put his eye to the sight and took aim at the largest male:

“I walked maybe five minutes until I came to a rise in the ground. Down below in a clearing were five elk, huddled closely together. From my vantage point, several hundred yards away, I could see that one of them was a really outstanding animal. I lined him up in my telescopic sight and fired my gun, a Magnum rifle. It can give your shoulder a mean whack if you’re not careful.”

It would be at this moment that Carl Higdon’s world would take a decided twist toward the bizarre.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS:

As soon as Higdon pulled the trigger of his Magnum he was astounded by the fact that there was no kick back from the rifle. What was even more perplexing was the fact that the detonation was absolutely silent. In fact, according to Higdon, it was as if the entire world had fallen still.

As if all of that were not strange enough, for the first time in his life Higdon claimed that he was actually able to watch as a bullet left the barrel of his rifle and soared forward so slowly that it looked as if were traveling through a wall of invisible Jello. Higdon later swore that he watched the bullet glide about 50-feet before it plummeted to the snow speckled ground before him. In Higdon’s own words:

“I couldn’t believe my senses! Instead of a powerful blast, the 7mm bullet left the gun’s barrel noiselessly and in slow motion. It floated like a butterfly, finally falling to the ground about fifty feet from where I stood. I was awestruck. I froze. All around me there was a painful silence. Not a chirping bird or the rustling of leaves on nearby trees could be heard. The only sensation I could detect was a tingling feeling which crawled up my spine. This was similar to the feeling you often get before a fierce thunderstorm, when the air is full of static electricity.”

Still immersed in the eerie, static charged silence, Higdon cautiously retrieved the bullet and inspected it closely. He immediately noticed that the lead portion of the 7mm had disappeared and only the oddly misshapen case remained.

He placed the bullet into his pocket and took a few perplexed steps forward. That was when the deathly silence surrounding him was abruptly broken by the sound of a twig snapping. Higdon spun around and was confronted by a sight that he instantly knew was not of this Earth:



“Turning to my left, I saw a ‘man’ standing there. At first I thought he was just another hunter so I lowered my gun. Then he moved out of the shadows, into the light, and immediately I realized something was terribly wrong... My heartskipped a beat and my knees were shaking so badly I could hardly stand. I thought, ‘Hell, I should have stayed in McCarthy Canyon like I’d originally planned!’”

Standing before the trembling hunter was what appeared to be a humanoid being clad in a skintight, black, one piece outfit that Higdon claimed was: “*similar to a wet-suit scuba divers wear.*”

Atop the suit was a pair of harness-like straps that crisscrossed its chest, below which was a metallic belt adorned with a large, yellow, six-pointed star. Beneath

the star was an insignia that the outdoorsman could not identify. Higdon described the (at least what he presumed to be) masculine entity in detail:

“It was definitely a male... The visitor had no detectable ears. His eyes were small, and lacked eye brows... The dome of his skull was covered with the coarsest hair imaginable. It looked as if he had straw growing out of his head... [his complexion was] very similar to an Oriental’s... He was definitely man-like in height. I’d estimate he stood well over six feet, and weighed around 180 pounds. This was definitely no ghost! Good Lord, he was flesh and blood. Amen.”



Higdon would go on to depict this creature’s oddly upsetting facial features, including a lip-less, slit-like mouth that concealed three exceptionally large teeth not entirely unlike the notorious Fanged Humanoids of Kofu on the top and bottom, a pair of antennas and, most alarmingly to Higdon, a face that blended directly into its neck. Higdon continued his disturbing depiction of this alleged alien:

“Personally, it took getting used to, in order for me to look at him without getting a queasy feeling in the pit of my stomach. No chin was visible. His face just seemed to blend right into his throat. He had no jaw bone!”

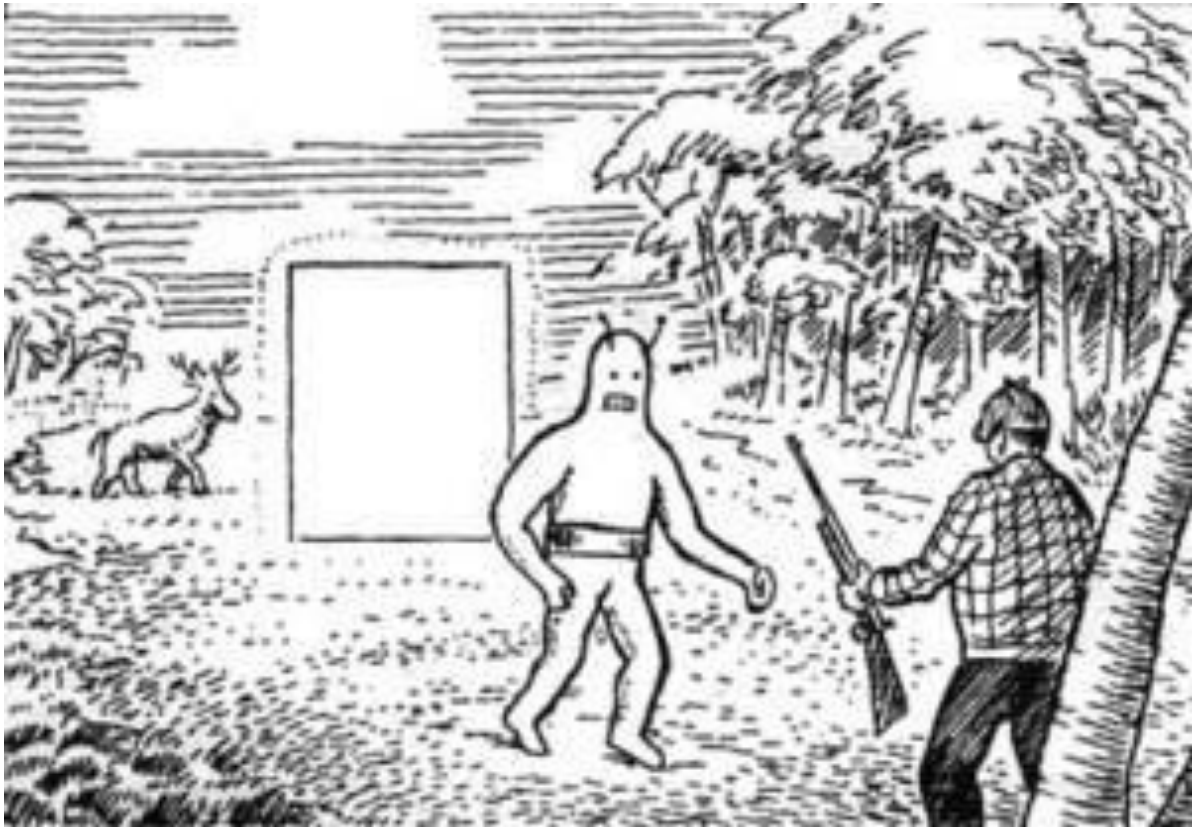
Stranger still was the fact that this long armed, bow-legged, jaundice skinned creature had a pointy, almost drill bit-like appendage sticking out of its wrist where its right hand ought to have been and nothing at all on the left. At this point

the being slowly approached the terrified Higdon and did something completely unexpected... it asked him: "*How you doin'?*"

The bewildered hunter admitted that he was "*trying to stay calm*" when he weakly responded: "*Pretty good.*" At this point the ostensible extraterrestrial, like any good host, inquired whether or not Higdon was hungry, but before he could respond the creature sent a small, clear cellophane package floating toward him:

"He waved a pointed object where his right hand should have been, and it levitated over to me. I opened the packet and found four pills inside. He told me, In English, to take one of them. That it would last four days. Now normally I don't like taking pills, not even an aspirin, but something happened. It's as if I had no control over my actions. So I just swallowed one of them, and put the other three into my jacket pocket."

THE GREAT GLASS ELEVATOR:



The strange, jawless humanoid then introduced himself as "*Ausso One.*" That was when Higdon's gaze caught a strange box-like object catching the sun's rays in the clearing behind strange creature:

"There, not far from us, was a transparent, cube-shaped object resting on the ground. To me it looked like a huge Christmas package. You know — flat on all sides, like a box. I couldn't see any landing gear or entrance... It was much

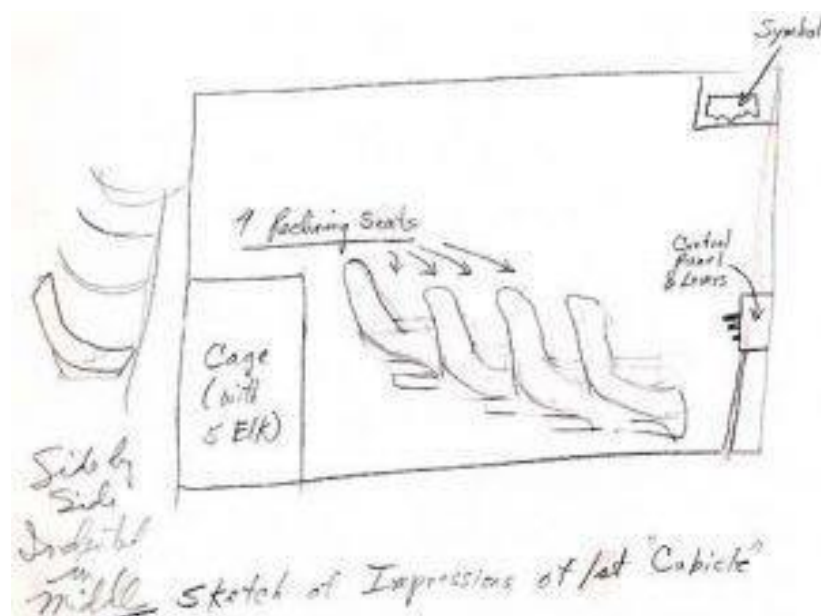
smaller than any of our commercial or military planes. In fact, you're going to think I'm crazy, but this thing couldn't have been more than five feet high, seven feet long, and four and a half feet wide. Tiny is the only word I can think of to accurately describe its size!"

Apparently intrigued by the awe at which Higdon was staring at its ship, the alleged alien gamely asked the hunter: *"Do you want to come along?"* Higdon, fully aware of the fact that he was in no position to refuse this being any request, lamely shrugged his shoulders in assent. It was at this point that time appeared to leap forward, as Higdon's next recollection was of being inside the cube-like craft.

"Before I was able to move a muscle, I found myself inside this contraption. It was instantaneous. How I was able to fit inside remains a riddle. They must have shrunk me, that's the only explanation that seems plausible... I wouldn't venture how they accomplished this feat. Ausso One just pointed, and we were where he wanted us!"

After Ausso One loaded his Earthly guest into his tiny perhaps TARDIS-like box, Higdon's mind began to get fuzzy and he started to panic:

"My memory fails me, here. I recall my head starting to reel. My hands sweating. Somehow the pill this fellow gave me must have deadened at least some of my senses; otherwise I'm positive I would have been crying and perhaps even fainted. I may be strong, but I'm only human!"



At this point Higdon noticed that all five of the elk he had been stalking just moments before were also in the cube behind what he perceived to be an invisible barrier. The hunter marveled at the creature's ability to incapacitate the

untamed animals: “I’m kind of fuzzy as to how they managed to contain such wild beasts. They were motionless; paralyzed.”

It would seem that the elk were not the only things paralyzed, because at virtually the same moment as he saw the frozen beasts, Higdon claimed that he became abruptly aware of the fact that he was now sitting in a high-backed “*bucket seat*” with what he described as restrictive “*bands*” securing his arms and legs:

“As we took off, I found myself strapped down to this seat with my hands held fast to the armrests of the chair. My legs were similarly bound.”

Resisting what must have been an overwhelming urge to panic, Higdon watched in growing horror as another jawless, straw haired being appeared out of nowhere, at which point he and his genial partner strapped a bizarre, wire smothered, football helmet-like device to his head, prompting the hunter to state: “*I felt like the monster in an old Frankenstein movie.*”

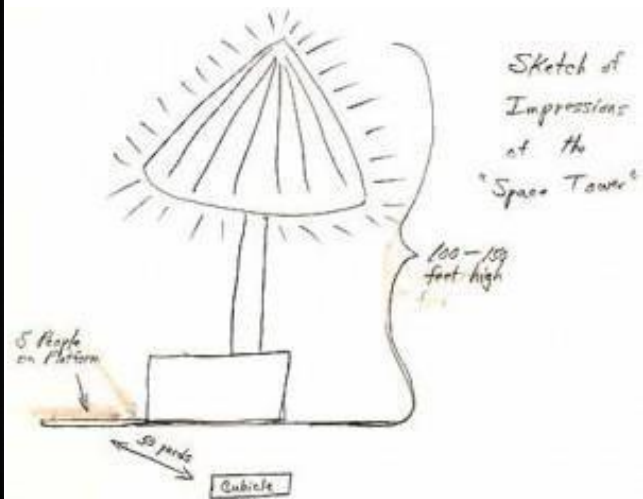
Higdon then observed a console with three dissimilar levers, which Ausso One used to control the craft. The alien pointed its “hand” at the longest lever and seemed to move it with a telepathically. It was then that the peculiar, transparent cube that Higdon would later describe as a “*flying box car*” took off.

Ausso One manipulated the vehicle so that it hovered above Higdon’s truck. With a point of his conical hand the vehicle vanished before his eyes: “*When we got above the trees Ausso aimed his arm at my pick-up and it disappeared poof vanished into thin air!*”

A WORLD WITHOUT FISH

As if this entire ordeal weren’t already quite outlandish enough, Higdon testified that just as suddenly as they left terra firma he abruptly spied an ominous, planet-like sphere “*shaped similar to a basketball*” through the clear floor of the box-like craft... a planet he immediately knew was not Earth.

The most memorable sight that Higdon recalled from his impromptu tour of this ostensibly alien world was a colossal tower that loomed above the surface. He would later compare it to Seattle’s Space Needle, but unlike its earthbound namesake, this huge, umbrella-like structure was covered in rotating lights that were so blinding that they hurt his eyes. The hunter was also overwhelmed by a sound that he compared to an electric razor buzzing:



"All around this tower were revolving patterns of multi-colored lights, not unlike powerful spotlights. They were so intense that it was actually painful to keep my eyes open. These lights were so brilliant that I held my hands to my face as a protective shield. I vaguely remember shouting, 'Shut them off... they're burning me!' I just couldn't tolerate them."

Rather than comforting their frightened guest, the second drill handed humanoid merely commented that they had similar problems on our home world, insisting that: "*Your sun burns us, too!*" It was then that the odd craft landed about 150-feet away from the platform at the base of the tower, at which point the second being vanished just as abruptly as it had arrived.

Through the transparent walls of the ship, Higdon saw what he claimed were five human beings, dressed in average Earth fashions, talking to one another. The individuals consisted of one brown-haired girl who appeared to be about 11 years- old, a blonde girl who was just a few years older and a teen couple who seemed to be about 17 or 18. The group was rounded out by a man who seemed to be in his 50s. The people seemed to be talking to one another and did not notice Higdon.

Ausso One, who had so cordially offered Higdon food pills and a ride around the cosmos, did not explain the presence of the other humans, but patiently explained to the anxious oil man that they had touched down on a planet that was 163,000 "light miles" from earth.

Higdon was quick to elucidate that the creature did not say “*light years*,” which to him indicated in no uncertain terms that: “*To them the passage of time is different than it is to us.*”

Ausso One escorted Higdon into the dazzling tower. The pair ascended in an elevator, which deposited them into a room where the hunter was instructed to stand on a small platform. Higdon noted that he and the alien never actually walked anywhere, but seemed to be floating just above the ground. While they hovered toward their destination Ausso One (arbitrarily, or so it seemed) explained that there were no fish on his planet and that these finned critters were one of his peoples’ favorite things about Earth.

THE EXAMINATION:

At this point an odd device — that Higdon described as resembling a “*glassy shield*” — slipped out of the wall and paused in front of the human. The “*shield*” was evidently some kind of medical device and scanned the man for almost 5-minutes before it disappeared back into the wall.



glassy shield

Rejection is never fun, but it’s hard to contemplate that Higdon did not consider it to be a stroke of luck when his extraterrestrial tour guide informed him that he was going to return him to the spot where they had first met because the examination had shown that he did not: “*suit their purpose.*”

Higdon (perhaps mercifully) never knew what this potentially nefarious purpose was, but he would later speculate that he thought it had to do with a “*breeding program.*” Ausso One led the oil man back to the elevator and then down to the main door.

With the same abruptness that he had felt earlier, Higdon realized that he and his alien companion were now back inside the clear cubicle, this time sans elk. Ausso One was admiring the human's rifle and with a tinge of regret admitted that as much as he would like to he would not be able to keep the "*primitive*" weapon as a souvenir.

Ausso One telepathically handed the rifle back to Higdon, then removed the food pills from his pocket, a fact that dismayed the hunter as it represented the only piece of concrete evidence he had of this weird event. Once again the alien pointed at the longest lever. It was then that our intrepid hero suffered another disorienting time jump.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Higdon quickly realized that he was no longer hovering above an alien world, but that his alien comrade and his miraculous cube had seemingly instantaneously transported him back to Earth. He claimed that he saw his truck, which had been inexplicably transported some 5-miles from the glade where it had been parked two and a half hours before. The hunter later considered the situation:

"Since I was in a state of mental stress, this fact did not have any impact on me until sometime later. I know that I could never have driven over that impossible terrain — even if I had been physically capable of driving, which I most certainly was not!"

At this point the kindly spaceman said to the Earthling: "*We'll see you.*" The foreman was overwhelmed by a floating sensation and without warning found himself standing on the edge of a steep, rocky slope. The loose stones could not support his weight and he suddenly found himself plummeting down the 9-foot decline, severely impacting against the hard ground and injuring his head, neck and shoulder.

STUCK IN THE MUD:

The next thing the bewildered father of four consciously recalled was staggering nearly 3-miles down an old, dirt road, rifle in hand, freezing and in a state of nearly hysterical amnesia:

"I didn't know what had happened, who I was, or where I was, for that matter. The only thing I could think of was to get out of there as fast as possible and find someone who could help me."

Higdon was in such a state of shock that he walked past his pick-up without even recognizing it. When he realized that he was utterly alone on the dirt road he backtracked to the vehicle:

“There I stood, shivering, eyes filled with tears and not knowing my own identity. I saw a truck parked off the road between some trees, and decided to crawl into it for shelter and to keep warm. I didn’t realize the truck belonged to me.”

Huddled and trembling in shock, Higdon was startled by a feminine voice that suddenly crackled over the CB radio: *“There was a two-way set under the dashboard, so I picked up the mic and held it close to my mouth. I managed to blurt out that I was sick and lost and desperately in need of assistance. When the voice on the other end asked me where I was, I told ’em I had seen a sign down the road which read, ‘North Boundary National Forest.’ This didn’t seem to be much help, however, as there was absolutely no indication as to what forest the sign was referring to.”*

THE POSSE ARRIVES:

A search party led by a local sheriff — and accompanied by Higdon’s wife Margery — had a lot of difficulty navigating the backwoods paths with their 4-wheel drive vehicles and were unable to locate the panicky hunter until almost midnight. It was during this arduous trip that Higdon’s wife and two other deputies claimed to have spied green, red and white flashing lights in the sky, but they were too far away to discern its true origin.

Later it would come out that two residents of Rawlins, Wyoming, Don and Marliyn James, claimed to have observed an unusual radiance in the vicinity of Medicine Bow Forest at the same time that the posse was making its way toward the missing hunter.

Not long after, the baffled officers were astounded to find Higdon’s 2-wheel drive truck bumper deep in a mud filled sinkhole in the center of a forest ravine that was impenetrable by motor vehicles. In fact, the conditions were so bad that the police were forced to make the final leg of the journey by foot!

Even more perplexing was the fact that there were no tire tracks leading into the bog. The sheriff and his men could not comprehend how Higdon had managed to get his pick-up stuck there. Judging from the circumstances it would’ve had to have been dropped from above it seemed to defy rational logic.



As if things weren't bizarre enough, when they finally managed to pry the still terrified Higdon from the truck he was shrieking that: "*They took my elk.*" He even failed to recognize his own wife.

Deputies quickly packed the hunter and his wife into one of their vehicles, while the rest the police were confronted with the puzzle of how to get the seemingly impossibly trapped pick-up truck out of the bog. Eventually they created a sort of bridge with fallen trees and finally managed to tow the truck from the shallow ravine and down the dirt paths that would have proven impossible to navigate with a 2-wheel drive. Higdon later described the situation:

"Using towing equipment, I was hauled out. They immediately took me to the nearest hospital, where I was placed under day-and-night observation. Not until the following evening did I begin to regain my memory and start to recall a few details of my ordeal."

A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY:

Sheriff's deputies wasted no time in transporting the frantic hunter and his wife to the Carbon County Memorial Hospital in Rawlins where he was admitted at 2:30 am. The doctors on staff noticed that his eyes were extremely bloodshot and that he seemed to be suffering from nervous exhaustion, not to mention the injuries he sustained during his fall into the gully.

Following an extensive series of medical tests, the doctors noticed that despite Higdon's clearly injured and anxious condition, his blood was extraordinarily nutrient and vitamin rich. Even more peculiar was the fact that in 1958 Higdon had been hospitalized after he came into contact with tuberculosis and at the time x-rays showed a significant amount of scarring on his lungs.

Be that as it may, the x-rays that were taken following his presumably intergalactic expedition in 1974 showed no scar tissue on his lungs and his doctor one R. C.

Tongo even noted that some painful kidney stones which had been plaguing the hunter were no longer evident. The mystified Dr. Tongo even stated that: “*He’s now in A-1, super condition!*”



Despite his new and improved organs, the still petrified oil man remained incoherent throughout the night and, according to most reports, did not manage to reclaim his memories until the following day when his daughter came to visit him. It was then that he regaled his wife, doctors and police officers with his harrowing run-in with Ausso One (and his unnamed copilot) and their journey to another world.

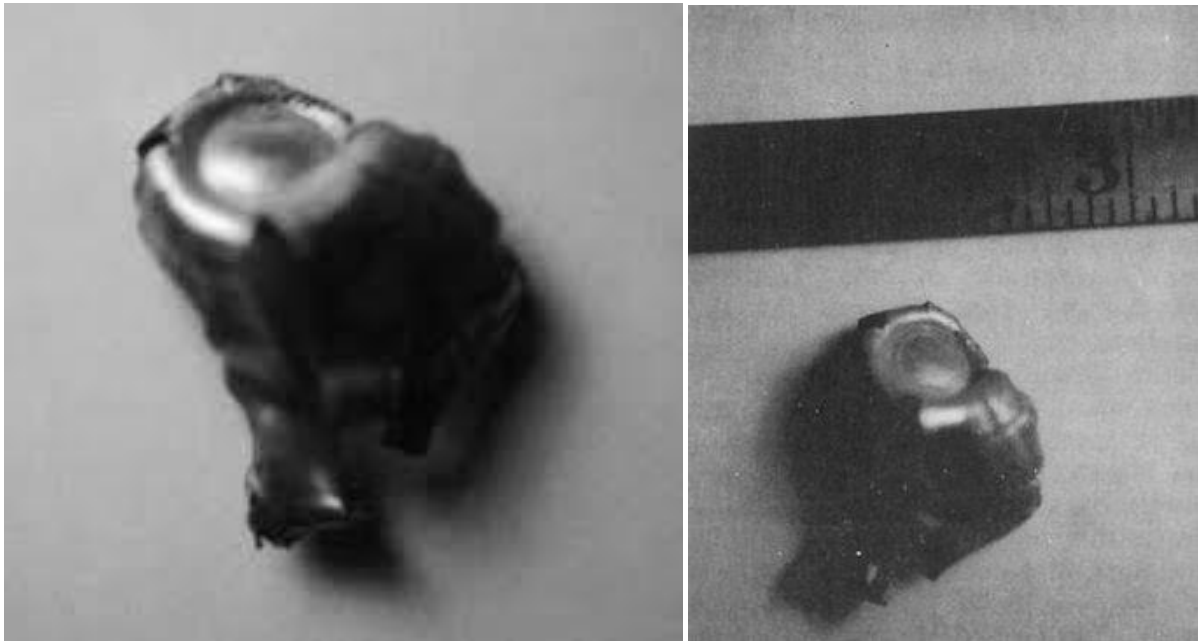
While it’s difficult to imagine that that his rapt audience — consisting of both loved ones and authority figures — were not at least initially skeptical, this did nothing to prevent the deputies from informing the press and local ufologists about Higdon’s wild adventure. Margery, however, claimed that she never once doubted the sincerity of her husband’s strange tale, later telling reporters from the Star-Tribune:

“I believed him because it was him and because I was out there and saw a lot of different things that went on that night.”

Although his innards showed a marked upgrading, Higdon’s appetite did not return for days (a fact that he attributed to Ausso One’s miraculous pills) and he grumbled about sharp pains in the base of his skull and neck, claiming that he felt as if his body had been treated like an accordion: “*I feel like I’d been pushed together like this. That’s just the way my muscles feel — like they were compressed, and then yanked apart.*”

After three days of observation, the swiftly recovering outdoorsman was released from the hospital and into the care of his wife and family.

THE BAFFLING BULLET



Within days of her husband's hospitalization, Margery discovered the crushed 7mm bullet hidden in her his canteen patch. Higdon was still at a loss to explain the force which had managed to so thoroughly damage his bullet, so he took the casing to the sheriff's office. According to Higdon:

"I'd never seen anything like it before, to compare it to. Soon as I could I took it to the Carbon County Sheriff's Department where the officer in charge of ballistics analysis examined it through a microscope. He told me it was from a 7mm Magnum rifle, which is the caliber of my gun. Returning the chunk of metal, he noted that he had never seen a bullet in that shape or condition."

The Sheriff inspected the warped bullet and claimed that he had never seen its equal. He was convinced that it was impossible to hammer the bullet into its existing shape and felt that the bullet had probably not hit a solid object, like a tree or a rock. The copper jacket had been turned inside out and the lead slug was missing. He later wrote: "*It looks as if it has been turned inside out by a superhuman being!*"

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) sent metallurgy consultant, Dr. Walter Walker, to inspect the jacket. After a rigorous examination of the object he testified that it had collided with an exceptionally solid surface with immense force. This assertion is not to be underestimated as a 7mm bullet travels at such a fantastic rate of speed it would have been well nigh

impossible to track the casing down had it not hit something incredibly hard — *much* harder than a rock or a tree.

In the APRO Bulletin, Vol. 23 No. 5, which was published in March, 1975, investigators were planning on organizing a search party in order to find the lead slug of the 7mm in the hopes that it might produce additional evidence of what it had impacted against. Quoted from the report: *“After the snow melts, an attempt will be made to locate the lead slug from the bullet and hopefully it will be able to add something to a very puzzling story.”*

Unfortunately the search party failed to come to fruition, or if it did their efforts were met with naught, leaving the mangled bullet casing as the only physical evidence in support of Higdon’s account. Despite the lack of corroborating proof, on October 29, 1974, the Rawlins Daily Times published an account of Higdon’s extraordinary experience and from there the story spread like wildfire.

ENTER THE HYPNOTIST

Like many abductees — or in this case invitee — Higdon claimed to have had only a partial memory of his close encounter of the weird kind. He recalled his bullet hitting the invisible barrier, meeting the alien and entering the clear cubicle with the elk, but after that his recollections became hazy.

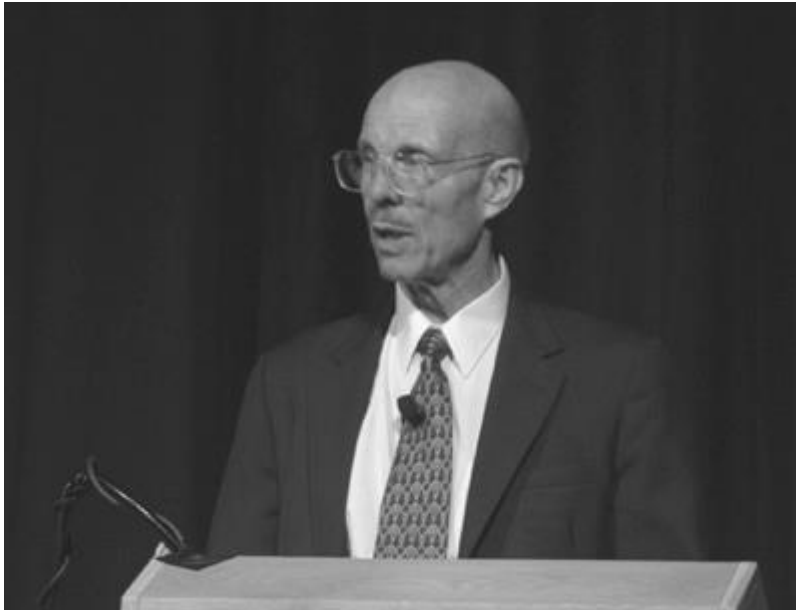
Due to the success their team had had with the method in the past, the APRO investigators suggested that the distressed huntsman undergo hypnotic regression in order to reclaim his lost memories and (hopefully) put himself at ease with the reality of what had happened to him.

Higdon agreed and on November 2, 1974, APRO consultant and Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, spent over four hours with the Higdon family and their children, discussing what had happened as well as their responses to it.

Sprinkle — a trained hypnotist and former UFO skeptic who had allegedly investigated thousands of alien abduction cases and believed that he himself was a victim — was assisted by MUFON field investigators Rick Kenyon and Robert Nantkes. Sprinkle employed the classic pendulum technique in order to elicit hidden information from Higdon, but his efforts were met with disappointment.

Over two weeks later, on November 17, Sprinkle took another crack at it utilizing alternative hypnotic methods... and this time he was not thwarted. While many modern investigators take an understandably dim view regarding the validity of hypnotic regression, it’s important to note that unlike many similar cases, Higdon

had a conscious memory of his alien encounter before he was “*put under.*” This would seem to lend at least a little credibility to the account that followed.



Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle

Under hypnosis, Higdon was able to recall his trip to Ausso One’s home world in minute detail. He revealed to all of those observing the session that the straw headed alien and its kin were searching for food and used the Earth as a sort of game preserve where they came to hunt and fish — not unlike an more amiable (and less anti-human) group of “*Predators.*”

They also wore their black, skin tight suits to protect them from the rays of our sun and brought the elk back to their planet for “*breeding purposes,*” but whether Ausso One was referring to a program that is analogous to a game warden ensuring a population of wild animals survives, an alien slaughterhouse or some kind of unimaginable extraterrestrial genetic experiment is, of course, unknowable.

According to Higdon, breeding was also the reason why human beings were brought to this alien world. Higdon was under the impression that the aliens had harvested these primarily young humans in order to use them in some kind of propagation program and that he did not: “*suit their purpose*” due to the fact that in 1965 he had undergone a vasectomy: “*Maybe this is what they meant when they said, I wasn’t any good! I kind of sense that they wanted young people.*”

At the end of their hypnotic session, Sprinkle eased Higdon from his “*trance*” with the instruction that he would retain his memories of Ausso One and their expedition, but would no longer fear said recollections. Later Sprinkle would write in his official report on the case:

“Although the sighting of a single UFO witness often is difficult to evaluate, the indirect evidence supports the tentative conclusion that Carl Higdon is reporting sincerely the events which he experienced. Hopefully further statements from other persons can be obtained to support the basic statement.”

THE UFO AND THE POLYGRAPH TEST

Higdon, still a nervous wreck about the whole affair, claimed that for weeks following the “*trip*” he was followed by a colossal “*green light*” in the sky. Some ufologist speculated that it might have been the extraterrestrials keeping a watch on their quarry, much like modern scientists tracking a tagged bear.

Four years later, in September of 1978, Higdon was subjected to what was then one of the most advanced polygraph test available, the PSE (Psychological Stress Evaluator) device. The test was presided over by a technical consultant for LAPD, Dr. Greenberg and his colleague Dr. Sidney Walter.

The scientists ascertained that the former hunter was giving a truthful account of what happened and Greenberg concluded: “*I am forced to admit that something utterly fantastic did happen in this man’s life. The test proves it beyond doubt.*”

THE EVIDENCE

The evidence in this strange case is circumstantial at best; there are no corroborating eyewitness who saw anything more significant than a few random lights in the sky and even the celebrated bullet only shows that it hit something *hard!*

Nevertheless there are more than a few elements above and beyond Higdon’s fascinating sketches regarding this case that have a way of nagging on even the most skeptical of minds.

The first thing that comes to mind is how did the permanent scars on the inside of Higdon’s lungs simply vanish without a trace? Investigators claim to have seen before and after x-rays that seem confirm this seemingly miraculous healing process, which left doctors baffled. If this curative process was not instigated by the alien visitor, then what might have been responsible for the cure?

The second though harder to verify factor that lends to the credibility of the hunter’s account is the state in which his company truck was discovered by his rescuers. If reports are to be believed then there is simply no way Higdon could have moved the vehicle to the place where it was discovered without the aid of a military helicopter. As to why his otherwise polite host would leave him in such a muddy lurch is a matter of debate.

Of course there's always the possibility that Higdon made up the whole tale after he got the company truck stuck while playing hooky from work. Perhaps he assumed he would be better off making up a patently outlandish story about alien abduction rather than fess up to having made a mistake while traipsing in the forest when he should have been working. Maybe... but I doubt it.



To begin with his employee called in sick before he decided to pack it in and go hunting. Also he was the boss and almost certainly could have concocted a more reasonable falsehood if he had to. Lastly, who in their right mind would subject themselves to the kind of public scrutiny and ridicule that invariably follows a report of this nature?

Add to this the undeniable fact that Higdon was well liked and respected by his neighbors, bosses and co-workers. Not to mention the effort that would have been involved in creating the performance he would have had to put over on his wife and rescue team in the forest not to mention the nurses, doctors, police and press in the hospital and it becomes clear that this working class Wyoming man was either one of the greatest actors of the 20th Century or very likely the victim of a very bizarre episode.

CONCLUSION

So how is it that a case involving a solitary hunter and his (frankly credibility taxing) tale of a run-in with an intergalactic angler has transformed over the decades into one of the most significant extraterrestrial encounters of the 20th Century even going so far as to be loosely adapted into comic book form especially considering how most folks would dismiss it as a story that was barely note worthy enough to make page three in the Weekly World News?

That's a difficult question to answer. Perhaps it was the hard working, straight shooting Higdon who lent some integrity to the proceedings.

The oil man has maintained the veracity of his story throughout his life and is the first to admit that his trip is a difficult pill to swallow even for him: *"I'd like to think it was just a nightmare, except I know it was real. I've tried to shake my mind clear of all thoughts pertaining to what took place, but frankly that's totally out of the question at this point."*

just months after his abduction, Higdon went on to say this about the incident at Medicine Bow Forest:

"Though I remain apprehensive over the events of last October, I firmly believe the American public is brave enough to accept the truth about such matters. Ofcourse, I wish the whole episode hadn't occurred, but since it did, I don't see anyreason to keep it secret. Some folks may think I've gone off my rocker, but anyone who knows me can tell you I'm not making up any of this... People seem to accept it now. I'm being truthful as I can be. This all really happened!"

Regardless of whether this was a genuine celestial encounter, an elaborate ruse or the frightful dream of a man who had taken a nasty spill and was suffering from a concussion, one overwhelming fact remains; if Carl Higdon had it to do all over again he would not have stopped and helped those strangers fix their van. Instead he would have continued onto McCarthy Canyon where he would have never... ever... have met a friendly, jawless, drill-handed alien named Ausso One.

The Sergeant Charles L. Moody Abduction

It is said that the people who are abducted by aliens are usually mid-American red necks who love a good tippie of whisky. Unfortunately this is something that is said by those who have never looked further into alien abductions. This story is about a man who was a Sergeant in the US Air Force.



Sergeant Charles L. Moody

This alien abduction story involves one Sergeant Charles L. Moody on August 13, 1975. Moody was watching a meteor shower from Alamogordo in the New Mexico desert. It was about 1:15 A.M. when he witnessed a glowing metallic, disk-shaped object fall from the sky about 300 feet away.

The UFO was about 50 feet long and between 18-20 feet wide. As it reached to an altitude of 15-20 feet above the ground it wobbled on its own axis then started to slowly move towards Moody in a steady manner. Moody jumped into his car but was unable to start it. The UFO stopped about 70 feet away. As he watched he could hear a high pitched humming noise, he could see a rectangular window in the craft and he could see shadows of humanoid beings. The high pitched humming stopped and he could feel a strange numbness permeating throughout his whole body.

The next thing Sergeant Moody remembers was watching the object rise up into the sky and disappear into the distance. He turned the ignition key and the car started. He drove off in speed terrified.

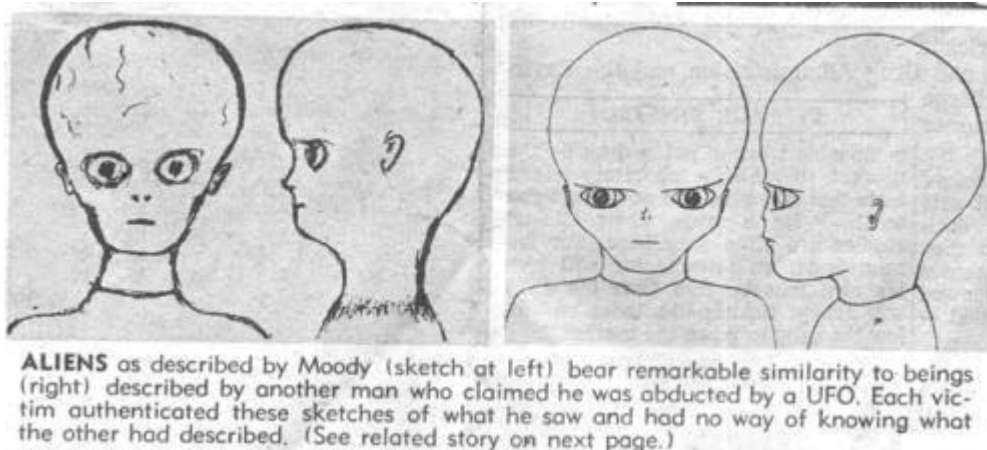
Moody arrived home to find that it was now 3:A.M. He was missing around one and a half hours of time. The following day Moody suffered lower back pain.

A rash broke out over his lower body a few days later. A physician recommended that he should try self-hypnosis to try and recall what happened to him in that lost one and a half hours.

Over the following weeks Moody was able to piece together a near complete picture of events of that night. After he was overcome by numbness that night in the car, he recalls seeing two humanoid beings approaching the car.

He described them as being around six feet tall wearing skin tight black clothing. He was involved in a brief scuffle with them and he was rendered unconscious. He later woke on a slab inside the craft. His limbs were heavy and immovable and stood next to him was what he believed to be the beings leader.

This being was smaller than the two who had taken Moody from his car, he was wearing a silvery white suit. Like the other two he also had a large hairless head, a protruding brow, roundish eyes, small ears and nose with very thin lips. They had a whitish grey coloured skin.



Moody was asked telepathically if he was prepared to behave peacefully. Moody agreed and the leader relieved his paralysis by applying a rod like device to his back.

He was taken around to different parts of the ship, he was shown the drive unit that powered the craft. He recalls there being a sweet stifling odour. He was told that there was a mother ship that was situated miles above earth. They promised

him a future meeting with the occupants but that closer contact of Earth men would not happen for another twenty years.

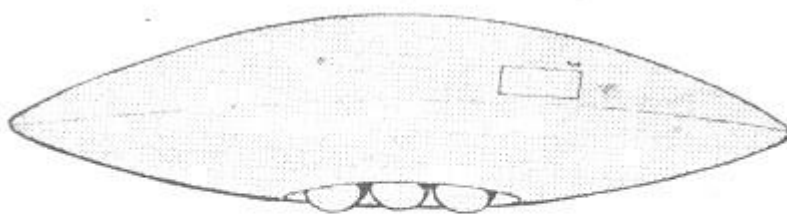
Moody was told by the aliens that he will not remember anything for about two weeks, and then the smaller alien put his hands on the sides of his head and rendered him unconscious again.

Charles McQuiston, a co-inventor of the Psychological Stress Evaluator did an analysis of Moody's claims and said they appeared to be true. One investigator however questions the validity of Moody's claims, Jim Lorenzen noticed a couple of 'big' contradictions in Moody's accounts.

In an early telling Moody said that the mother ship was about 400 miles above the Earth, he later went on to say it was 6,000 miles away. A big difference.

He also said one time that the aliens that took him from the car were frail creatures but later said they were 6 feet tall.

Real Alien Abductions Stories would like to say, I have seen men who are 6 feet tall and frail. You can be both. So I am not sure that that is a valid argument against the case. Still what ever happened to Charles L. Moody on August 13, 1975 in the New Mexico desert is a intriguing alien abduction story.



SKETCH of UFO based on Moody's description of a disc-shaped object with three globes on its underside.

THE JOHNNY CASH INCIDENT

The last extended, intensive period of UFO activity took place in the fall months of 1973 and at this time it appears that the fall months of 1975 and the early months of 1976 duplicated the "flap" of 1973 with one major difference whatever the UFOs are "they" seem to be getting bolder, and in the "abduction" cases under study at APRO there are emerging threads of continuity in relation to descriptions of occupants as well as the objects themselves. We are also encountering "warnings" to the victims concerning what they will remember or what they can talk about if they do recall their experiences.

A case in point is that of Johnny Sands, 30, a country-western singer who, at the time of his alleged close encounter, was living in Las Vegas, Nevada where he was trying to promote his first recording and was appearing in a show. A polygraph test administered by Robert L. Nolen of Robert H. Nolen Associates of Las Vegas indicates no deception.



Again, as in the past, the occupants are a new type, as can be seen by the accompanying sketch, which was done by a professional artist to Mr. Sands' specifications. Mr. Sands' account is as follows:

He had been out driving to the surrounding towns to check on how well his record was faring at the radio stations and on jukeboxes. He had left Pahrump at 10 p.m. and was driving on the Blue Diamond road, and at about 10:30 p.m., about 22 miles out of Las Vegas, he saw an unusual aircraft. He didn't pay much attention to it, he said, although it seemed to follow him for about 3 miles. At this point, the car's engine began sputtering so he pulled off the road and got out of the car. He walked around the car, removed the gas tank lid and shook the rear end of the car to determine whether he had any gas. He could hear the gas splashing around in the tank, so he replaced the cover and went around to the front of the car and lifted the hood. It was at this time, looking up, he said, that he saw the craft above him at what he estimated to be about 1,000 feet altitude. Sands said it was about 60 feet long and shaped like the Goodyear blimp, with a large, round ring at the midsection. He also said it had windows or portholes (round) about 10 feet in diameter and about 5 feet apart around the circumference of the ring or "doughnut" section, with a light between each. The object was "rusty orange" in color with flashing reel and white lights on the ends. It moved slowly over the mountain to the south of him, lighting up the mountain as it did so, and appearing to land.

Then, Sands said, he turned his attention back to his car, and started to take the air filter off. For some unknown reason, he turned and looked down the road in the direction his headlights (which were on low beam) were shining and saw two figures approaching. He could not make out any details and at first thought they might have been muggers. Then, he said, he "froze" he doesn't know why he wanted to move, but he couldn't.

The two figures came toward him, one stopping about three feet away while the other stayed about five feet beyond. Sands described them as perfectly bald with no eyelashes or brows and with gill-like protrusions on either side of their faces which moved rapidly all the while that they stood there. The eyes were small, black and the centers (or pupils) were white. Sands said the mouths were very small and never opened, and that their noses were "pug" or "flattened".

Sands estimates that the whole episode from the time he spotted the two figures until they walked away into the desert, took about 10 minutes. When they left, they walked about 150-200 feet away, then, Sands said, a flash of light "came ' up" and they were gone.

The road on which Sands was traveling is paved, but he says he only encountered four cars during the trip, and that the last one passed by going toward Pahrump

just after he pulled off the road. He had jumped out of his car and tried to wave it down but although the car slowed, it sped up again and continued along its way. After the encounter with the "figures", Sands tried to re-start his car, and it started with no trouble at all and he drove on into Las Vegas.

When Sands initially reported his experience, he went to the police who referred him to the Office of Special Investigations at Nellis Air Force Base. The spokesman for that office said that the Air Force had stopped probing the UFO problem in 1969 and that office only handles internal criminal matters. He also said the base's radar "picked up nothing" unusual that night, but only the base's runway headings were being monitored. A spokesman at the McCarran Airport tower said nothing unusual was noted on their surveillance radar which covers a 55-mile radius from the surface "to infinity". However, he did note that the radar is "line of sight" and would not register craft beyond the mountains.

The 10-minute episode is the fascinating part of Sands' story, in addition to his description of the humanoids who, although one asked him a number of questions, requested that he not reveal anything of the encounter. Sands has only revealed a part of what happened, saying that if he revealed the rest, it would be a breach of trust.

The questions the humanoid (who was standing closest to him) asked of Sands were: 1. What was he (Sands) doing there? Sands responded that he was an entertainer and was in Las Vegas to do a show. 2. Why were so many people in Las Vegas? Sands said that it was a tourist type town and that people came to Las Vegas from all over. 3. What is your means of communication? To which Sands replied that he didn't understand the question, because there are several different means of communication. The humanoid seemed to become irritated and said: "Answer the question!" Sands repeated that he didn't understand, whereupon the humanoid turned to the other, and the two just stood facing one another for 2 or 3 minutes, then his questioner turned to Sands, reached out his left hand and brushed Sands' left hand and told him: "Don't say anything about this meeting. We know where you are and will see you again." The two then trooped off and disappeared in a flash of light.

Sands said that the voice of his questioner was deep, and the words came out slowly and almost mechanically with noticeable spacing between each and an echo-like quality. However, although he could tell that the voice came from the man's "body", the mouth did not move at all.



Sands described the humanoid clothing thusly: A black, silverish all-encompassing overall (the artist got his shades reversed in the painting) with no visible seams. When the questioner brushed Sands' hand it felt like "rough, heavy duty sandpaper." Besides the white strap which ran diagonally from right shoulder to the left waist, there was a wide white "patent-leather-like" belt on which there hung capsule-shaped objects which were silver colored and about 1 inch long. They appeared to be hanging on hooks and the "man" twisted one of them all the while that he talked to Sands until he brushed Sands' hand and turned and left.

The "men" were about 5'7" or 5'8", about 140 pounds, Sands said, and their gloved hands had a thumb and four fingers like normal humans. He also noted what appeared to be padding over the top of the feet, as well as across the back of the foot. The feet were covered by the same type of material as the rest of their bodies. They seemed to be very light on their feet and made no sound as they walked, as if they were off the ground, although Sands said they were definitely touching it.

Also very interesting is Sands' description of the face of the one who "talked" to him: "The face was wrinkled. Now, bodywise, he looked as fit as a 21-year-old but in his face, facial structure -- I don't know, something gave me the idea this guy

was 300 or 400 years old. It's a very powerful face, a very powerful set of eyes. He's not so ugly as he is powerful looking," Sands told investigators. The machinations of a film crew calling themselves Dave Dunn Productions who were beginning work on a TV series dealing with the strange, unusual and unknown, served to muddy the waters considerably. On the evening of February 10, they took Sands out to the site of his experience where he was instructed to stay in the car. Meanwhile, an argument apparently started among the film personnel and, hearing snatches of the conversation, including "what, will we do with him (gesturing toward Sands in the car) he's already heard too much," he started to get out of the car, whereupon two "fuzzy things" ran at the door and kept him inside. He said that every time he tried to get out of the car they would repeat the performance. Mr. Sands called Mr. Lorenzen after they had taken him back to Las Vegas and related these events and was very agitated about the incident. He said that the Dunn people had taken him to dinner and they'd had a few drinks and he wondered if he'd been drugged because he couldn't remember the entire evening. Piecing the whole thing together, the Lorenzens have hypothesized that the film crew may have had two men dressed in animal-like disguises (the "things" were manshaped, Sands said) for the purpose of frightening Sands so that they could film him in an actual terrified state.

In a report to John Romero, APRO Field Investigator in Las Vegas, Mr. Nolen, the polygraph operator, states:

"Following are listed the relevant questions and the subject's vocal responses.

1. On January 29th, did you see two strange figures in the desert? Answer: Yes
2. Did you communicate with these strange figures? Answer: Yes.
3. Did these strange figures tell you that they would see you again? Answer: Yes.
4. Were you under the influence of. anything at the time of this meeting? Answer: No.
5. Regarding what happened on Thursday, January 29, have you told the truth about what you saw that night? Answer: Yes.

"A total of three charts were obtained using the above relevant questions. During these three charts, Mr. Sands indicated an ability to respond automatically to

vocal stimuli. His responses in the critical areas were not consistent with deception criteria.

"After careful examination of this subject's polygrams, it is my opinion that Mr. Johnny Sands was truthful in his answers to the above relevant questions. I am not attesting to the truthfulness of the whole story that Mr. Sands has told, only to the veracity of his answers to the above relevant questions."

It has been suggested to Mr. Sands that he undergo hypnotic regression in order to attempt to retrieve further information but he is afraid of hypnosis. APRO consultants feel, however, that some progress may be made in that direction in the future.

In view of Sands' apparent sincerity and the polygraph tests, this case cannot be entirely discounted. Also, there is the verification of the initial sighting of the object by others who called the police department that evening and reported seeing an object in the area, the description of which closely matches that of Johnny Sands'. Obviously there is considerable follow-up work to be done on this case which is one of the more puzzling ones to come out of the 1975-76 "flap".

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